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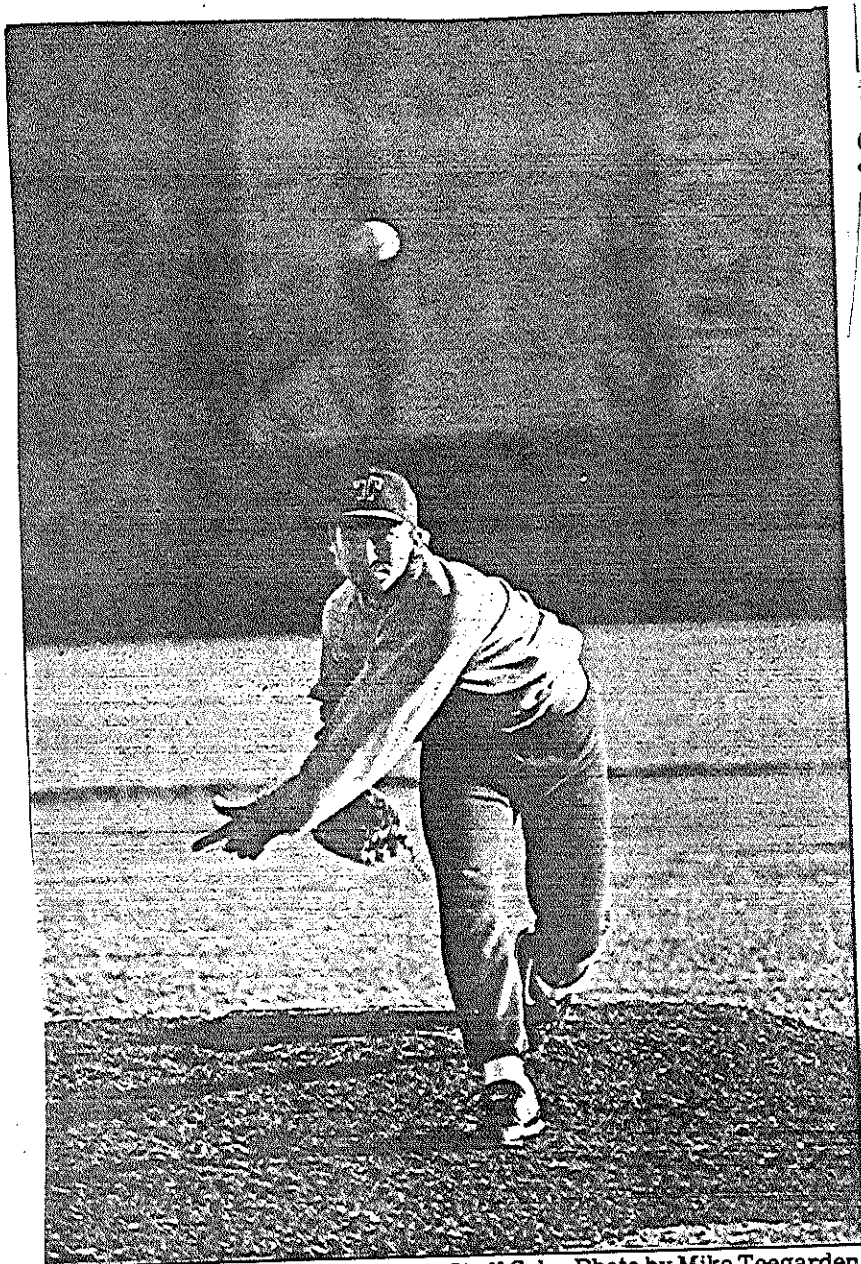
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GETTING READY. Paul Kilgus works out with Western's baseball team Wednesday at Denes Field. Kilgus is expected to sign a contract with his new team, the Chicago Cubs, soon. See related story on Page 4-B.

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Kilgus waiting to sign

Chicago Cub pitcher Paul Kilgus is waiting to sign on the dotted line.

The former University of Kentucky and Bowling Green High School pitching ace hasn't inked his name to a contract for the 1989 season.

But that's mainly because major league teams are pre-occupied with salary arbitration hearing involving veterans. Players like Kilgus who have less than three years in the major leagues are ineligible for arbitration and negotiate later.

"The clubs take their time and sign the veterans and the free agents. Then after the salary arbitration players — like (Orel) Hershisser, (Roger) Clemens and (Dwight) Gooden — we'll sit down," Kilgus said.

He expects to sign early in February.

Meanwhile, Kilgus continues to lift weights, run and workout with Western Kentucky University's baseball team. And, he waits.

Chicago already has Kilgus ticketed for their starting rotation. Cubs GM Jim Frey said last week the left-hander, who the Cubs obtained during the winter from the Texas Rangers, would be their No. 4 starter.

That would seem to put Kilgus in a solid position to increase his salary.

Kilgus dumped agent Ray Anderson last week and signed on with Steve Compte, a former front office executive with the Milwaukee Brewers. Anderson had represented him since before he was brought up with the Rangers in 1987.



Hot Stove League

by
Gene Contrell Jr.
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"Steve just has more experience, that's the only reason I changed," Kilgus said.

Kilgus will probably sign a one-year pact with the Cubs for \$140,000-\$170,000.

While that isn't in line with the \$235,000 the Cubs gave reliever Pat Perry the other day, it will be up considerably from the \$85,000 Kilgus earned in his first complete year in the big leagues.

"I'll take that every year for 10 years," the personable pitcher tells folks around home.

He likes the major league life and the travel.

"Where else will they pay you to travel, see the country, stay in the finest hotels and get to play baseball? I'll do this just as long as they'll have me," he told a Bowling Green civic club recently.

GOOD QUOTE: "I know the ball pops outta there (Wrigley Field), but how can they hit it out when all they (will) hit is ground balls." That was Kilgus' response to former Yankee pitcher Steve Hamilton's warning that he would have a rough time pitching in Chicago.

AROUND THE HORN: Drew

Hall, another Kentuckian in the majors, was in Arlington last week as part of a mini pitching camp conducted for Texas Rangers staff. Hall, a left-handed reliever, impressed pitching coach Tom House. "We just made a few mechanical changes in his delivery," House said. "We already knew how hard he could throw. The book on him was that he got wild. He was receptive to our suggestions. He's going to be a big help." Hall went to Texas from the Cubs in the same deal that involved Kilgus...The Louisville Redbirds will host the Beach Boys on a Friday night in May. The popular singing group will perform after the Redbirds' game on May 19....Cincinnati Reds, too, will offer a Beach Boys concert after their game against the Cubs the next night....Joe Buck, son of Jack Buck, longtime voice of the St. Louis Cardinals, is joining the Redbirds' broadcast team as color analyst. Joe is a communications major at Indiana University.

DOLLAR SIGNS: Kentuckians playing major league baseball in 1988 took home some big bucks. St. Louis pitcher Joe Magrane, who is a native of Rowan County, earned \$100,000; former Lexington Henry Clay star John Shelby pocketed \$465,000 from the Los Angeles Dodgers; Lexington native and Phillies pitcher Jeff Parrett earned \$90,000 while playing for Montreal last season; Louisville native Mike Greenwell of the Boston Red Sox was paid \$240,000; Dave Anderson, also a Louisville native, received \$262,500 from the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Baseball, like spring, is just around the corner

The batter stepped up to the plate, his eyes focused on the pitcher's wind-up as he dug a little deeper in the batter's box on a cold, but sunny, afternoon.

The 1989 Western Kentucky University baseball is pushing the season. Players are braving less-than-baseball-like weather to prepare for their upcoming season.

The Hilltoppers' open the season Feb. 11 in Myrtle Beach, S.C., against Coastal Carolina University.

"Our team has so many goals," coach Joel Murrie said. "Our main priority is getting the players into condition to where they are ready to play."

He said the twice-a-day practice will help players work on

mechanics and help individuals hone skills.

The 28-member international team — including three players from Puerto Rico and one from the Dominican Republic — has its sights set on the conference title and a berth in the NCAA and College World Series.

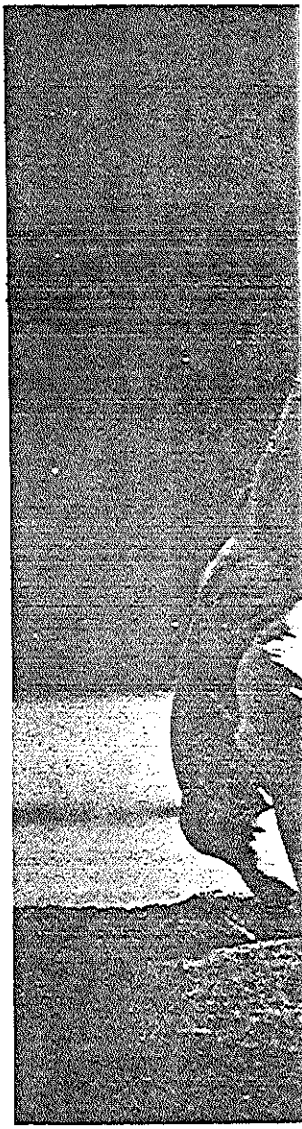
The Sun Belt Conference regular season tournament will start

March 31. Between now and the the season, the Hilltoppers work out regularly. Eve league pitcher Paul K Bowling Green native, is getting in on the workout prepares to report to the Cubs next month. Baseball, like spring, around the corner.

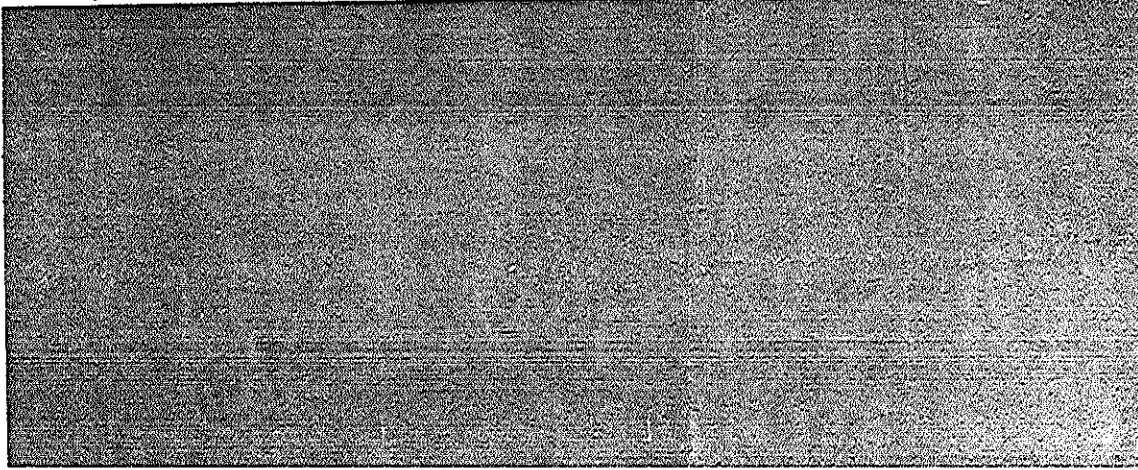
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WESTERN Kentucky University baseball team's pitchers (above left) warm up Wednesday before practice begins. Eric Hughes (above right), a senior pitcher from Bowling Green, winds up before serving up a pitch in batting practice. Randy Cook (below right), a senior pitcher from Hendersonville, Tenn., takes a lap around Nick Denes Field. Physical conditioning is a big part of spring training.



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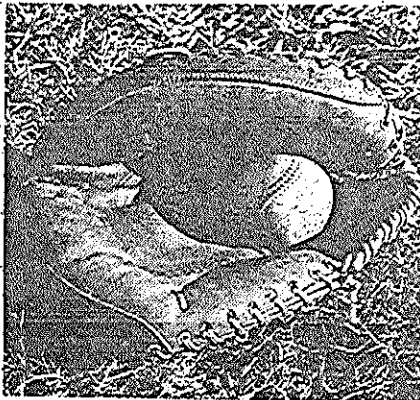
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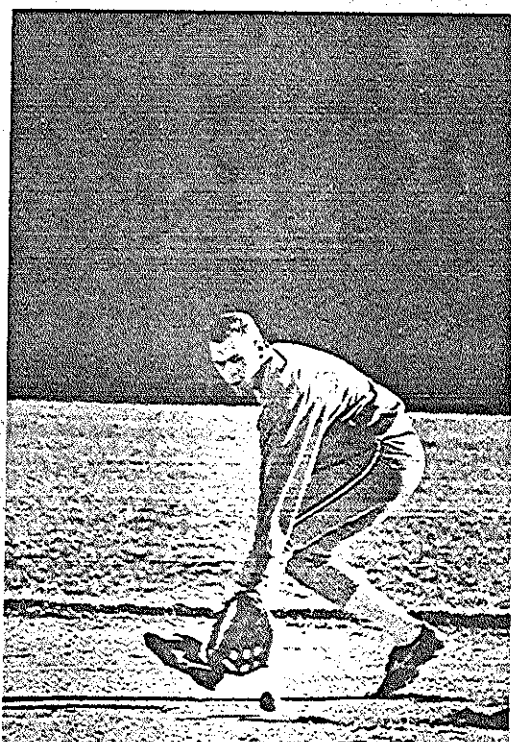
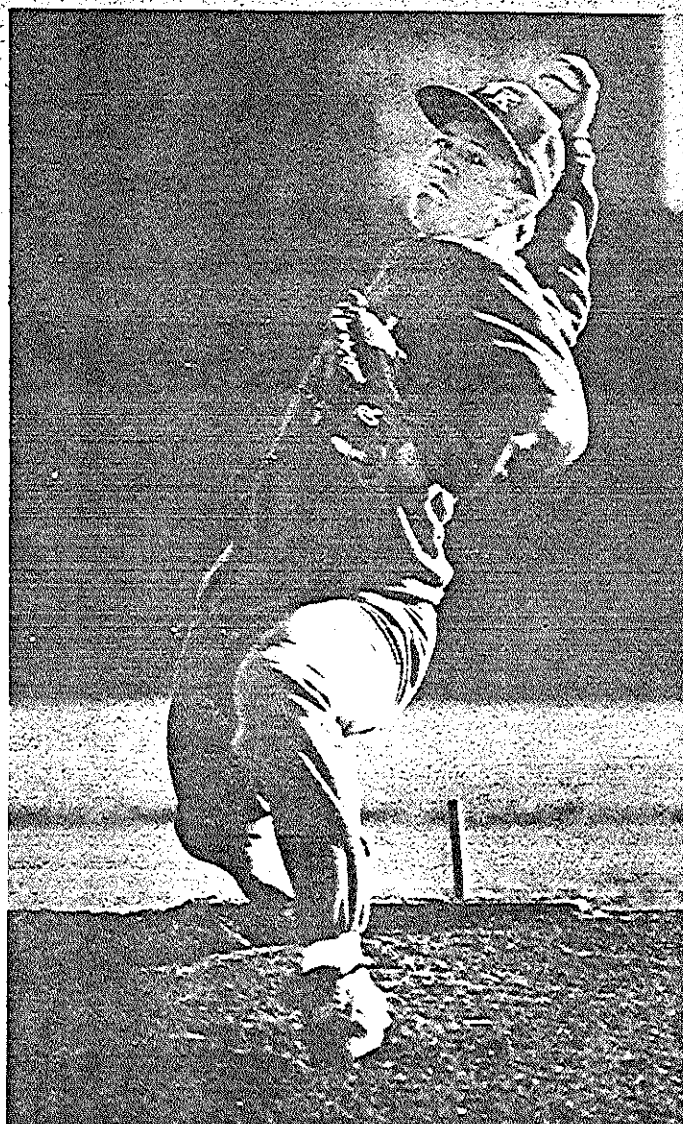
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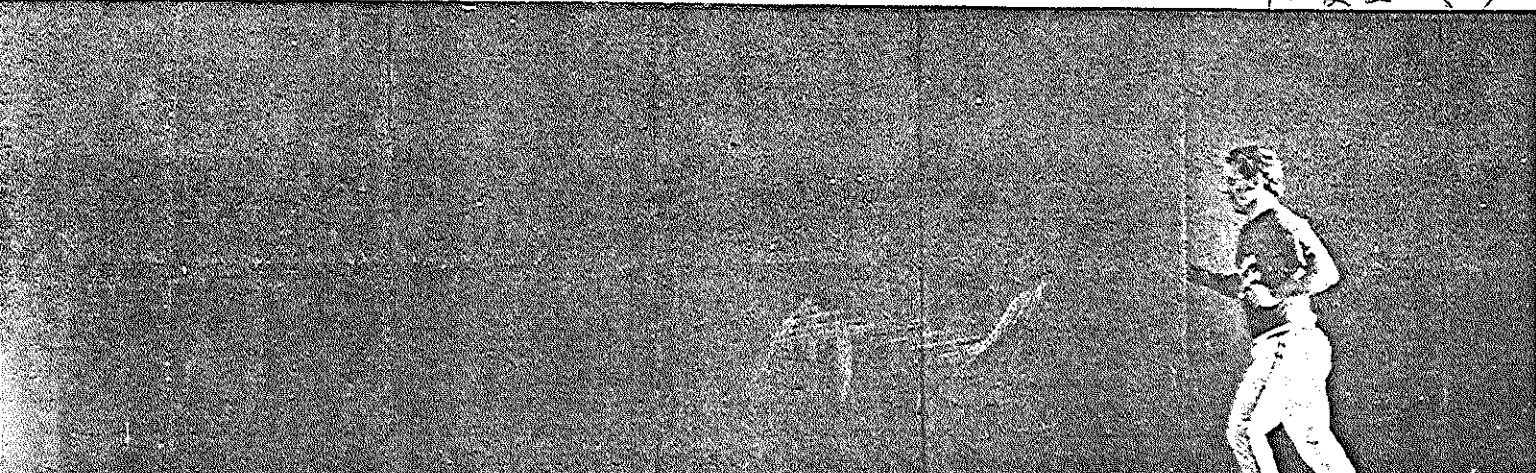
INFIELDER Tommy Bur-
rough (below), a sophomore
from Henderson, concentrates
as he takes his cuts during
batting practice. Daren Kiz-
ziah, a senior pitcher from
Tuscaloosa, Ala., swoops
down on a grounder during in-
field practice.

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Spring break not much fun for Western

D.N. 3-13-87

HOUSTON — Western traditionally has taken it on the chin during its spring break road trip.

The Hilltoppers finished 1-5 on this year's trip to Houston after dropping losses to Rice on Friday (3-1) and Saturday (6-4).

Western managed to get no runs after loading the bases in the sixth inning of Saturday's game. Pitcher Mike Grave came in with two outs and got Western's Jonathan Camillo to fly out to end the threat.

The loss ruined a nice pitching performance by Western's Ken Edinfield. He pitched three perfect innings in relief, but Western couldn't come back.

Western rallied from a 6-1 deficit with three runs in the fourth.

Heath Haynes (1-2) took the loss.

In Friday's game, Chris Gage scored Western's only run on an RBI single by Tommy Burrough in the eighth inning.

Daren Kizziah took the loss despite going the distance and allowing only six hits. He struck out five.

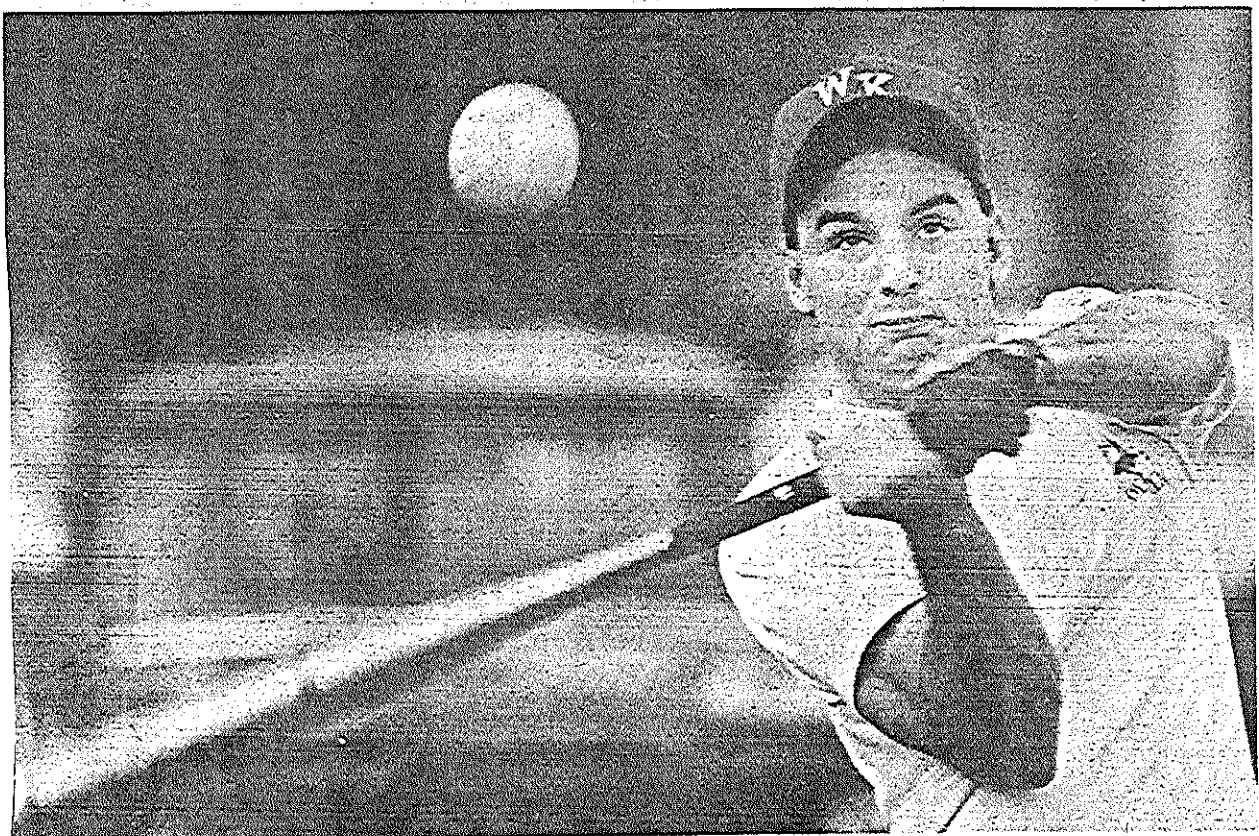
Western fell to 5-7. Rice is 16-10.

Saturday's game

Western 001 030 000—4 11 1
Rice 022 200 00x—6 9 2
WP—Polasek (4-3). LP—Haynes (1-2). S—Grace. HR—Elberman. Rice. 3B—Cash, Western. 2B—Strebeck, Broderick, Rice; Turner, Western.

Friday's game

Western 000 000 010—1 8 4
Rice 010 100 10x—3 6 0
WP—Howard (3-1). LP—Kizziah (1-3). 2B—Grace. Rice; Camillo, Western.



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SWING SHIFT. David Rhodes, a Western Kentucky University agriculture major from Bremen, practices with friends from a Greenville

team for which he plays baseball. They were practicing in a field near Pearce-Ford Tower on Western's campus.

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At Bowling Green
 Middle Tenn 100 011 020 000 2-7 14 1
 Western .. 000 500 000 000 0-5 7 4
 Scott Duff, Rob Angeil (4), Tom Wegmann (7), Brad Bates (12), Scott Morgan (13) and Jay Owens. Ken Edenfield, Otis Lewis (8), Keith Hargis (11), Don Enright (13) and Lance Daniels, Doug Darnall (10). W—Bates (2-0), L—Hargis (0-2). Sv—Morgan (2). 2B—Mike Cash (W), Brad Worley (W), Jeff Avery (M), Darryl Steakley (M). Records — Middle Tenn. 7-8, Western Ky. 8-11. C.J. 3-23-89

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Sanson's five runs hurt Tops

A Daily News report 3-24-89

Western coach Joel Murrie has several players from Bowling Green on his squad this year, but he's thinking more about the one who got away after Thursday's 10-3 loss to Cumberland University at Denes Field.

Robbie Sanson went 3 for 4 at the plate and scored five runs to lead Cumberland to 16-5. Western is 8-12.

Western was out of the game early. Cumberland sent nine batter to the plate and scored five runs in the second inning to take a 5-1 lead.

Western will play Southern Illinois in a double-header Saturday at Denes Field.

Cumberland 052 010 101-10 12 2
 Western 110 100 000-3 7 2
 WP—Scully (1-0), LP—Barriero (0-1). HR—Brenner, Cumberland; Worley, Western. 3B—Camilo, Western. 2B—Camilo, Western; Sanson, Dayhoss and Rodriguez, Cumberland.

At Bowling Green, Ky.
 Eastern Illinois 000 000 0-0 4 4
 Western Ky. 120 024 x-9 11 2
 Ryan Edwards, Frank Jablonski (5) and Dan Hargis. Heath Haynes and Doug Darnall, Lance Daniels (6). W—Haynes (3-3). L—Edwards. 2B—Chris Turner (WKU), Jonathan Camilo (WKU).
 Eastern Illinois 010 000 0-1 3 1
 Western Ky. 100 000 1-2 8 1
 Scott Nelson and Hargis. Ken Edenfield and Darnall. W—Edenfield (2-0). L—Nelson. 2B—Chris Gage (WKU). HR—Dana Leibovitz (EL). Records—WKU 10-12, E. Illinois 8-5. C.J. 3-26-89

At Bowling Green, Ky.
 Eastern Illinois 200 210 000 3-8 12 4
 W. Kentucky 001 030 001 2-7 11 2
 Mike Deese, Ken Gagnon (5), Jim Sweeney (10) and Dan Hargis. Jeff Ledogar, Randy Cook (2), Don Enright (5), Keith Hargis (6), Otis Lewis (10), Eric Hughes (10) and Doug Darnall, Lance Daniels (8). W—Gagnon (2-0). L—Lewis (1-1). S—Sweeney (2). 2B—D. Hargis (EL) 2, Chris Turner (WKU) 2. 3B—Jonathan Camilo (WKU), Mike Cash (WKU). HR—Chris Gage (WKU). Records—Eastern Illinois 9-5, Western Kentucky 10-13. C.J. 3-27-89

At Bowling Green
 Cumberland (Tn.) 052 010 101-10 12 2
 Western 110 100 000-3 7 2
 Larry Scully and Mike Wheeler, Efrain Barriero, Eric Hughes (3) and Doug Darnall. W—Scully (1-0). L—Barriero (0-1). 2B—Jonathan Camilo (W), Rob Sanson (C), Gary Dayhoff (C), Gustavo Rodriguez (C). 3B—Camilo (W). HR—Brad Worley (W), Mike Brenner (C). Records — Cumberland 16-5, Western 8-12. C.J. 3-24-89

WKU rally falls short in bottom of the 10th

A Daily News report

The Hilltopper baseball team watched another rally fall short Sunday at Denes Field, despite steady play from Chris Turner and bottom-of-the-ninth heroics from Chris Gage.

Eastern Illinois' Jim Sweeney gave up two runs in the bottom of the 10th inning, but held on for his second save of the season and helped down Western 8-7.

Western (10-13) dug itself into a hole almost immediately, trailing 2-0 after the first inning. After giving up two more runs in the top of the fourth, the Hilltoppers rallied and closed the gap to 5-4 after five innings.

Western still trailed 5-4 when Gage smashed a solo home-run over the right field wall in the bottom of the ninth inning to tie the score.

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Otis Lewis tried to shut down Eastern Illinois (9-5) in the 10th, but he gave up three runs — one earned — and an 8-5 deficit. But the Hilltoppers weren't finished.

Mike Cash hit the game's only triple and drove in a run with two outs in the bottom of the 10th. He scored minutes later on a Scott Fitzpatrick single, but Western couldn't muster any more offense.

Lewis (1-1) took the loss for the Hilltoppers, and Eastern Illinois' Ken Gagnon raised his record to 2-0.

Eastern Illinois 200 210 000 3-8 12 4
Western 000 130 001 2-7 12 2
WP—Gagnon (2-0); Eastern Illinois, LP—Lewis (1-1), Western.
2B—Turner 2, Western. Dan Hargis 2, 3B—Cash, Jonathan Camilo, Western. HR—Gage, Western.

At Bowling Green, Ky. 3-21-89
Xavier 001 011 3-8 9 5
Western Kentucky 003 020 2-7 5 2
Bill Wittich, T.R. O'Brien (6) and Bill Rockwell, Pat Mahon (7), Ken Edenfield, Eric Hughes (7) and Doug Darnall. W—Hughes (1-0), L—O'Brien (0-3). 2B—Scott Fitzpatrick (WKU), Phil Serghini (X), Scott Gordon (X).
Xavier 001 000 0-1 3 2
Western Kentucky 000 201 x-3 4 0
Jeff Rumpke and Mahon, Daren Kizziah and Lance Daniels. W—Kizziah (3-4), L—Rumpke (0-3). 2B—Fitzpatrick (WKU). 3B—Steve Marr (WKU). HR—Matt Griffin.
DQ. Records—WKU 12-13, Xavier 6-13.

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Hughes, Marr excel in sweep

A Daily News report 3-29-89

Two area products helped Western's baseball team sweep a double-header with Xavier Tuesday at Denes Field.

Eric Hughes, of Warren East fame, came on in the final inning and struck out both batters he faced to pick up a 7-6 win in the opener, and Franklin's Steve Marr tripled in what proved to be the winning run in the Hilltoppers' 3-1 win in the second game.

Western rose to 12-13, and Xavier is 6-13.

Hughes entered the game with one out and the score knotted at 6-6.

Western won the game when Scott Fitzpatrick doubled home Mike Cash with no outs in the final inning.

Daren Kizziah pitched a complete game in the nightcap. He held Xavier to three hits and one run off of a Matt Griffin home run to left field in the third inning.

That hit put Xavier up 1-0, but Fitzpatrick scored on Chris Gage's bunt and a throwing error in the fourth inning. Marr followed with his triple to bring home Gage.

Western added a run in the sixth inning when Gage scored on a wild pitch.

Western was scheduled to play a double-header at Middle Tennessee today.

First game	
Xavier	001 011 3-6 9 5
Western	003 020 2-7 5 2
WP—Hughes (1-0), LP—O'Brien (0-3).	
Second game	
Xavier	001 000 0-1 3 2
Western	000 201 x-3 4 0
WP—Kizziah (3-4), LP—Rumpke (0-3).	

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Western drops double-header

4-2-89
A Daily News report

Western got off to a bad start in Sun Belt Conference play Saturday as the Hilltoppers dropped a double-header to South Alabama.

South Alabama outslugged the Hilltoppers in the first game 5-3 and outpitched them in the second 2-0 to drop Western to 12-15 and 0-2 in Sun Belt action.

USA's Scott Bray raised his record to 7-1 when he scattered five hits over seven innings in the first game.

Western trailed 1-0 when Tony Fleming hit a home run to tie it in the bottom of the second. The wheels came off for the Hilltoppers when Ken Edenfield walked one, then gave up four straight hits in the fourth inning. Four of five runners scored.

Western countered with singles by Johnathan Camilo and Doug Darnall and a two-run triple by Brad Worley. But that was all the offense the Hilltoppers could muster.

Keith Hargis relieved Edenfield in the middle of the fourth inning and shut down South Alabama the rest of the way.

The second game saw the Jaguars get the better of Western in a pitching duel.

USA's Mike Zimmerman (5-3) pitched a one-hit shutout that overshadowed a strong performance by Western's Heath Haynes (3-4).

Haynes threw six strikeouts and gave up one walk, but USA got its winning run when Branon Plemmons stole home while the Hilltoppers were throwing out a runner trying to steal second base in the third inning.

First game	100 400 0-5 8 0
South Alabama	001 200 0-3 5 0
Western	
WP—Bray (7-1), LP—Edenfield (2-1), 2B Jay Gainer, South Alabama, 3B—Worley, Western, HR—Fleming, Western.	
Second game	001 000 1-2 6 2
South Alabama	000 000 0-0 1 1
Western	
WP—Zimmerman (5-3), LP—Haynes (3-4), 2B—Robby Robertson, Tom Duffin, South Alabama.	

Western bounces back and wrecks Tenn. Tech

A Daily News report

Western's baseball team, which had been struggling of late, bounced back in a big way Wednesday at Denes field.

Five Hilltopper pitchers scattered six hits and threw 12 strikeouts in an 11-3 mugging of Tennessee Tech.

The win raised Western's record to 13-17. Tennessee Tech fell to 7-13.

The Hilltoppers return to Sun Belt Conference action Saturday when they travel to Birmingham to play the UAB Blazers. Western is 0-3 in conference play.

Starter Otis Lewis (2-1), who

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earned Wednesday's win, fanned three, gave up three hits, three walks and two runs; one of them earned. He pitched three innings.

Doug Darnell led Western's offensive attack with 3 for 3 hitting, two doubles and four RBI. His second inning single scored Chris Gage for the winning run. Darnell nailed a bases-loaded double in the fourth inning to drive in three more runs.

Tennessee Tech 101 000 100—3 6 1
Western 221 300 21x—11 11 2
WP—Lewis (2-1). LP—Trzybylinski (1-1).

At Bowling Green
Tennessee Tech 101 000 100—3 6 1
Western Kentucky 221 300 21x—11 11 2
Rodney Przybylinski, J.C. Swafford (4), Tony Wiggins (7) and Matt Ballard. Otis Lewis, Jeff Ledogar (4), Scott Wambegans (6), Don Enright (8), Randy Cook (9) and Doug Darnell, Lance Daniels (8). W—Lewis (2-1). L—Przybylinski (1-1). 2B—Steve Arnett (TT). Darnell (WKU) 2. Brian Dillard (WKU). 3B—Steve Marr (WKU). HR—Bobby Roberts (TT). Records—Tennessee Tech 7-13, Western 13-17. C. J. 4-6-89

Hilltoppers capture 2-of-3 from Blazers

4-10-89

A Daily News report

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.

College baseball

Western took a major step toward recovery in the Sun Belt Conference with two wins in three games here over the weekend.

The Hilltoppers (15-18) came alive at the plate in the first two games, hammering Alabama Birmingham (18-13) with 19 hits and 19 runs.

Western raced out to a 12-4 lead Saturday in the first game, which was suspended in the seventh inning because of rain. Play was resumed Sunday, and Western finished the game without giving up another run.

The Hilltoppers' Heath Haynes starred in the second game giving up two runs on four hits, while striking out five and giving up one walk in a 7-2 win.

Haynes gave up solo home runs in the second and sixth innings, but no other Blazer was able to advance past second base.

Jonathan Camilo got Western started with a two-run homer in the first inning, scoring Chris Gage, who opened the game with

a double. Doug Darnall's third-inning single scored Gage and Chris Turner, and the Hilltoppers were on their way.

Western pitcher Jeff Ledogar didn't share Haynes' good fortune in the third game.

After giving up two runs with two outs in the first inning, Ledogar stopped a ground ball and fired it to Gage at first base. The ball was slightly high, and the runner was safe.

Minutes later, Keifer Rackley hit a grand slam to put the Blazers on top 9-0 on their way to a 9-3 victory.

On Tuesday, Western will travel to Nashville to take on Vanderbilt.

Western 200 304 3-12 11 1
Alabama Birmingham 000 004 0-4 6 4
WP-Koziah (4-5). LP-Thomas (2-3).

Western 302 000 2-7 8 0
Alabama Birmingham 010 001 0-2 4 1
WP-Haynes (4-4). LP-Moore (6-2).

Western 001 100 1-3 7 1
Alabama Birmingham 900 000 x-9 12 3
WP-Cullens (4-2). LP-Ledogar (1-1).

Marr, Turner key win

D.N. 4-11-59

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. — Chris Turner drove in five runs, and Steve Marr picked up the pitching win in his first outing as Western topped Tennessee Tech 8-4 here Monday.

Turner, a Warren Central graduate, slashed a two-run home run and a three-run double.

Marr, a Franklin-Simpson graduate who hadn't been able to

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pitch because of a broken finger, struck out four, allowed no walks and gave up five hits in five innings.

Western rose to 16-18, and Tennessee Tech is 8-15.

Western 300 000 002—5 11 2
Tenn. Tech. 000 020 011—4 10 6
WP—Marr (1-0). LP—Knight (1-5).

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Govs beat Tops

A Daily News report

Western has had trouble getting on track lately.

The Austin Peay Governors dropped Western to 16-20 with two ninth-inning runs and a 5-4 win Wednesday at Denes Field.

Austin Peay's Chris Polk hit an RBI single in the ninth inning with his team trailing 4-3. He reached second base on an infield error and stole third base.

He scored the winning run minutes later. Polk went 4 for 5 on the day.

Austin Peay raised its record to 13-17-1 with the win.

Chris Turner got Western started with a solo home run in the fourth inning. Western took the lead 4-3 with Doug Darnall's sixth-inning single that brought Chris Gage home.

Western played at Kentucky today.

Austin Peay 300 000 002—5 11 2
Western 000 121 000—4 8 3
WP—Jon Frazier (3-4). LP—Eric Hughes (1-1).

D.N. 4-13-59

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Tops' homers not enough

A Daily News report

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Western came up one blast short here in a 5-4 loss to the Vanderbilt Commodores Tuesday.

Jonathan Camilo hit a solo home run in the second inning to put the Hilltoppers on top 3-2. Vanderbilt answered with two runs in the third.

Western's Tony Fleming tied it with another solo home run in the seventh, but a towering solo shot by Vandy's Mike Skaggs in the eighth gave the Commodores the lead for good.

Vanderbilt raised its record to 20-12-2 with the win, while Western fell to 16-19.

Western 030 000 100
Vanderbilt 202 000 01x
WP—Steve Sadecki (3-1). LP—Ken Edenfield (2-2).

D.N. 4-12-59

Tops' rally falls short

A Daily News report

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Western baseball coach Joel Murrie was happy with the desire his club showed here Thursday, but the Hilltoppers came up short to Southeastern Conference power Kentucky, 8-6.

The Wildcats jumped to an 8-0 lead in the fourth inning, but Western (16-21) rallied in the late innings. The Hilltoppers picked up their first two runs in the seventh inning but left the bases loaded.

Todd Barnard knocked in a triple that scored Steve Marr and Brad Worley.

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Western scored four eighth-inning runs, but it went down 1-2-3 in the ninth.

Hilltopper Chris Turner went 3 for 5 and had an eighth-inning RBI.

Kentucky raised its record to 18-15-1.

Western will play host to Alabama Birmingham Saturday at noon and Sunday at 1 p.m.

Western 000 000 240—5 11 1
Kentucky 112 400 00x—8 10 2
WP—Larry Loubbers (3-0). LP—Otis Lewis (2-2).

At Bowling Green

Ala.-Birmingham . . . 000 230 2—7 13 2
Western Kentucky 003 000 0—3 8 1
Steve Thomas and Troy Harne. Keith Haynes, Ken Edenfield (5), Eric Hughes (7) and Doug Darnell. W—Thomas (3-3). L—Haynes (4-5). HR—Frank Tremmel (UAB). Dan Swatek (UAB), Chris Zaragoza (UAB).
Ala.-Birmingham . . . 020 101 0—4 8 2
Western Kentucky . . . 110 030 x—5 5 2
Aaron Moore and E.J. Brophy. Daren Kizziah, Randy Cook (6) and Darnell. W—Kizziah (5-5). L—Moore (5-3). Sv.—Cook (2). 2B—Chris Gage (W), Kaiter Rackley (UAB). Tremmel (UAB), Swatek (UAB).
Records — Western Kentucky 17-22, UAB 20-15.

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At Bowling Green, Ky.
Ala.-Birmingham 100 020 002—5 11 1
W. Kentucky . . . 202 212 06x—15 16 1
Mark Norris, Kim Hargett (4), Shay Tuley (6) and E.J. Brophy, Troy Harne (5), Keith Hargis, Ken Edenfield (5), Jeff Ledogar (3), Don Enright (8), Randy Cook (6) and Doug Darnell. W—Hargis (1-3). L—Norris (1-3). 2B—Frank Tremmel (UAB), Dan Swatek (UAB), Darnell (WKU), Steve Marr (WKU), Tony Fleming (WKU). HR—Chris Turner (WKU).

Turner stays hot for Tops

A Daily News report 4-19-89
CLARKSVILLE, Tenn.

Western used explosive bats to overpower Austin Peay here Tuesday.

Brad Worley went 4 for 5, had three RBI and scored the Hilltoppers' first run in a 13-6 romp.

The game marked Western's third straight win and raised its record to 19-22. It also set up today's rematch with Vanderbilt at Denes field. Vandy downed Western 5-4 after an eighth-inning rally at Nashville two weeks ago.

Tony Fleming went 3 for 4 and had a triple and three RBI for Western Tuesday.

Chris Turner made more progress toward going down in history as one of Western's all-time greats. Turner had a 3 for 5 day,

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including two doubles and three RBI. That gave him 20 doubles on the season and put him on track to break the Hilltopper season record of 27. Turner, a Warren Central graduate, has hit 13 doubles in the last eight games and was named Sun Belt Conference Player of the Week.

The Governors pulled to within 9-7 in the seventh inning, but Worley got the Hilltoppers rolling in the eighth with a two-run single. Fleming scored Worley with a double, and Turner's double scored Fleming and finished Austin Peay.

Western 13 2 014 220 400—13 13 2
Austin Peay 6 13 4 020 103 000 & 13 4
WP—Kizziah (6-5), LP—Rodriguez.

At Clarksville, Tenn.
Western Ky. . . . 014 220 400—13 13 2
Austin Peay . . . 020 103 000—6 13 4
Daren Kazziah, Steve Marr (4), Scott Wabeganss (7), Otis Lewis (9) and Lance Daniels. Rick Rodriguez, Dan Martens (4), Jeff Buffalo (6), Dave Genz (7), Tony Mueller (9) and Jeff Lowe, Kevin Maguire (8). W—Kazziah (6-5), L—Rodriguez (0-2). 2B—Chris Turner (W), Brad Worley (W) 2, Chris Polk (A), Lowe (A), 3B—Tony Fleming (W), HR—Thomas Coates (A). Records—WKU 19-22, Austin Peay 17-18-1.

At Bowling Green, Ky.
Vanderbilt . . . 003 220 110—9 15 1
Western Kentucky 003 010 030—7 10 1
Scott Sadecki, Scott Newell (4), Jim Heins (8) and Bart King. Heath Haynes, Ken Edenfield (4), Randy Cook (8), Eric Hughes (8), Don Enright (8), Otis Lewis (9) and Doug Darnall. W—Newell (4-3), L—Edenfield (2-3). 2B—Darnall (WKU), Mike Skeggs (V), Brad Shoemaker (V), Mike King (V), Chris Gage (WKU). Records—WKU 19-23, Vanderbilt 25-14-2.

At Mobile, Ala.
 Western Ky. 200 203 000—7 10 8
 S. Alabama 112 283 00x—17 15 0
 Heath Haynes, Keith Hargis (5), Eric Hughes (5), Scott Wambegans (5) and Doug Darnall, Lance Daniels (7), Shane Hale and Phil Angelos. W—Angelos (4-3). L—Haynes (4-6). 2B—Logan Collins (SA). Jay Gainer (SA) 2, Robbie Robertson (SA). 3B—Scott Fitzpatrick (WKU). Gainer (SA). HR—Chris Turner (WKU). Chris Gage (WKU). Records—Western Kentucky 19-25 (4-7 Sun Belt) 29-15, South Alabama (6-5 Sun Belt).

At Oxford, Miss.
 Kentucky 100 001 010—3 10 1
 Mississippi 100 002 01x—4 7 0
 Matthew Coleman and Keith Conrad, Rick Norton (5), Freddie Joseph, Grant Sullivan (5) and Jim Cosman. W—Joseph (5-0). L—Coleman (5-5). 2B—Pepper Pounds (M), Nate Riddley (M). HR—Lee Hodge (M), Cosman (M), Mike Harris (K). Records: Kentucky 22-18-1, 8-11 SEC; Mississippi 27-17-1, 5-11-1.

Friday at Mobile, Ala.
 Western Kentucky 100 000 100—2 8 0
 South Alabama 002 010 10x—4 8 2
 Daren Kizziah, Eric Hughes (8), Ken Edenfield (8) and Doug Darnall, Mike Zimmerman and Ben DeArmon. W—Zimmerman (7-4). L—Kizziah (6-6). 2B—Scott Fitzpatrick (WKU). Chris Turner (WKU). Chris Gage (WKU). HR—Mike Mordecai (SA). Records—Western 19-24, South Alabama 28-15. C.J. 4-23-89

At Mobile, Ala.
 Western Ky. 400 010 000—5 7 0
 S. Alabama 020 120 06x—10 10 0
 Otis Lewis, Ken Edenfield (5), Don Enright (8), Randy Cook (8) and Doug Darnall, Rafael Perez, Scott Bray (7) and Ben DeArmon. W—Bray (10-2). L—Edenfield (2-4). 2B—Kent Williams (SA), Bobby Kahn (SA). Chris Gage (WKU). HR—Williams (SA). Robby Robertson (SA), Chris Turner (WKU), Jonathan Camilo (WKU), Darnall (WKU). Records—Western Kentucky 19-28 (4-8 Sun Belt), South Alabama 30-15 (7-5 Sun Belt). C.J. 4-24-89

WKU baseball

Tops' rally falls short

A Daily News report 4-27-89
EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Western stranded two runners in the ninth inning and dropped a 7-6 loss to Evansville here Thursday.

Doug Darnall led off the inning with a solo homer to make it 7-6, and Western put two runners on with no outs. But two Hilltoppers struck out while Evansville (18-22) ended the threat.

Chris Turner cracked his ninth homer of the year with a two-run shot in the sixth inning. Chris Gage added two triples for the Hilltoppers (20-27).

Western will play South Florida in the first game of a Sun Belt Conference weekend series Friday at Denes Field.

Western 000 003 021—6 9 5
Evansville 001 005 10x—7 8 2
WP—McCauley, LP—Ledogar, S—Fischer.

WKU baseball

Hughes saves win for Tops

0-10 4-26-89
Eric Hughes came on in relief and saved Western's 8-7 victory over Evansville Tuesday at Denes Field.

Western led 8-0 after five innings, but Evansville scored six runs on five hits in the eighth and one run in the ninth.

Hughes came on with two outs and a runner on third base and forced a ground out to second baseman Tommy Burrough for the win. Burrough snared the ball toward the middle of the diamond and barely beat the runner with a falling throw.

Chris Turner had a solo home run for Western in the second inning.

Daren Kizziah pitched perfect ball before being removed after four and two thirds innings. Western coach Joel Murrie wanted to save Kizziah for the weekend.

Western will play at Evansville today.

Evansville 000 000 061—7 10 2
Western 010 010 00x—8 6 3
WP—Kizziah (7-6), LP—Gibson (4-2).

Baseball

At Bowling Green, Ky.
Evansville 000 000 061—7 10 2
Western Ky. 010 010 00x—8 6 3
Brian Gibson, Greg Spalding (6) and John Olson, Tim Marx (5), Daren Kizziah, Heath Haynes (6), Randy Cook (8), Eric Hughes (9), and Doug Darnall, Lance Daniels (6), W. — Kizziah (7-6), L. — Gibson (4-2), 2B — Chris Gage (W), Jonathan Camilo (W), Todd Pritchett (E), Brad Tyler (E), 3B — John Bauser (E), HR — Chris Turner (W), Records — Western 20-26, Evansville 17-22. C.J. 4-26-89

WESTERN BASKETBALL
WESTERN KENTUCKY — Signed 6-foot-center Pauletta Monroe (28 ppg, 17 tpg) of Kansas City.
MURRAY STATE — Signed 6-2 guard Greg Coble (22 ppg, including 111 of 249 ers (Mo.) Community College.
BRESCIA — Signed 5-10 point guard Brian Compton (13 ppg) of Warren East.
MISSISSIPPI — Signed Michael James (8-8, 225, 14ppg, 9 tpg) of Gary (Ind.) Wallace. C.J. 4-26-89

At Bowling Green
South Florida 000 150 030—7 12 2
Western Kentucky 000 002 000—2 4 3
Jim Jimald, Winston Wheeler (6) and Troy Rusk, Ken Edentfield, Ota Lewis (5), Eric Hughes (8) and Doug Darnall, W. — Jimald (9-2), L. — Edentfield (2-5), Records — South Florida 35-12, Western Kentucky 20-28. C.J. 4-27-89

At Evansville
Western Ky. 000 003 021—6 9 5
Evansville 001 005 10x—7 8 2
Jeff Ledogar, Don Enright (6), Ken Edentfield (6), Ota Lewis (8) and Doug Darnall, John MacCauley, Greg Spalding (8), Craig Fischer (9) and Tim Marx, W. — MacCauley (3-4), L. — Ledogar (1-2), 2B — David Koehler (E), Scott Fitzpatrick (W), Jonathan Camilo (W), 3B — Chris Gage (2), HR — Chris Turner (W), Todd Barnard (W), Records — Western Ky. 20-27, Evansville 18-22. C.J. 4-27-89

South Florida 000 150 030—7 12 2
Western Ky. 000 002 000—2 4 3
Les Halfer, Todd Rusk, Daren Kizziah, and Doug Darnall, W. — Kizziah (8-9), L. — Jimald (9-2), 2B — Tommy Burrough (W), Kevin Dapke (6), Records — Western Ky. 20-28, Evansville 18-22. C.J. 4-27-89

Western drops 2 of 3 against USF

5-1-89

A Daily News report

TAMPA, Fla. — Some records were threatened over the weekend as Western took one of three games from South Florida here.

USF was ranked 15th in the nation going into the weekend.

Western (21-29) bounced back Saturday for a 7-1 win, after dropping a 7-2 decision to the Bulldogs Friday.

Tommy Burrough was 3 for 3, and Jonathan Camilo drove in three runs for the Hilltoppers. Chris Turner also had two RBI for Western. Daren Kizziah earned the win, and pitched his third complete game of the season.

The records were tested in the third game, when USF breezed to

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a 23-9 win.

The teams went through 11 pitchers and gave up 17 bases-on-balls. The game marked the most runs scored in a Hilltopper game since Western beat Louisville 28-12 last season. It was the most runs Western gave up since a 26-4 loss to Louisville in 1976.

The game also left Western's Ken Edenfield one strikeout short of Western's season-record. Chris Turner hit a double leaving him three short of a Hilltopper season record.

The loss tied Western with Alabama Birmingham for third place in Sun Belt action with a 5-10 record. The top three teams advance to the Sun Belt Tournament at the end of the season.

At Bowling Green
 South Florida 142 136 600—23 22 2
 W. Kentucky 100 501 020—9 14 4
 Mark Hubbard, Brian Manicchia (4), Winston Wheeler (5), Bob Undorf (7) and Troy Rusk, Doug Joseph (7), Heath Haynes, Jeff Ledogar (2), Keith Hargis (3), Otis Lewis (5), Ken Edenfield (6), Randy Cook (7), Scott Wambgens (9) and Doug Damail, Lance Daniels (9), W.—Wheeler (7-0), L.—Haynes (4-7), 2B—Chris Turner (WKU), Damail (WKU), Tony Fleming (WKU), Pete Tsotsos (SF), Ken Damske (SF), Rusk (SF), Joseph (SF), Scott Miller (SF), HR—Mike Smith (SF) 2, Gus Vollmer (SF).
 C.J. 5-1-89

Friday
 Western 000 020 000—2 4 3
 South Florida 000 130 03x—7 12 2
 WP—Jimaki, LP—Edenfield.
 Saturday
 Western 001 033 000—7 9 1
 South Florida 103 000 000—4 9 2
 WP—Kizziah, LP—Harvey.
 Sunday
 Western 100 501 020—9 14 4
 South Florida 142 136 600—23 22 2
 WP—Wheeler, LP—Haynes.

Tops may miss tourney

A Daily News report

TAMPA, Fla. — Western has reached the point of the season where it must win if it is to entertain any thoughts of post-season play.

The Hilltoppers, after dropping 10-9 and 12-5 losses to South Florida Friday and Saturday, find themselves in a do-or-die situation in today's game with the Bulls. A loss today will knock Western out of third place in the Sun Belt Conference West Division and the final playoff spot in the conference tournament.

Alabama Birmingham upset South Alabama Saturday and moved to 6-11 in the conference. Western fell to 5-12. The Hilltoppers need a win — and a Blazer loss — to advance to the tournament. Western (21-31) has tied a school record set in 1986 for most losses in a season.

Western stormed back from

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a 5-0 deficit and took a 7-5 lead in the sixth inning of Friday's game. USF scored the winning run in the bottom of the ninth inning on a throwing error by pitcher Ken Edenfield.

Tony Fleming provided one of the few bright spots for Western in the Saturday's game. His two-run double in the second inning gave the Hilltoppers a 3-2 lead.

USF's Troy Rusk hit a two-RBI single in the fifth inning that gave the Bulls the lead for good.

Today's game is scheduled for noon.

Friday's game

Western 000 106 200—9 11 3
South Florida 050 003 101—10 10 3
WP—Undorf, LP—Edenfield.

Saturday's game

Western 030 001 001—5 13 3
South Florida 200 023 41X—12 14 2
WP—Jimaki, LP—Hargis.

At Tampa, Fla. 5-5-87

Western Ky. 002 100 060—9 14 2
South Florida 120 610 20X—12 17 0
Heath Haynes, Daren Kizziah (4), Randy Cook (6), Don Enright (8) and Doug Darnell. Whitney Floren, Ricky Ware (6), Bob Undorf (8) and Troy Rusk, Doug Joseph (8), W—Floren (7-0), L—Haynes (4-8), 2B—Kevin Dattola (SF), Pete Tsotsos (SF), Ken Demsko (SF), Scott Henry (SF), Andy Brandon (SF), Chris Turner (WKU) 2, Chris Gage (WKU), Brad Worley (WKU), Tony Fleming (WKU), Tommy Burrough (WKU), 3B—Gus Volmer (SF).

Baseball C.J.

At Tampa, Fla. 5-7-87

Western Ky. 030 001 001—5 13 3
South Florida 200 023 41X—12 14 2
Scott Wampsganss, Keith Hargis (5), Ots Lewis (6), Eric Hughes (6), Steve Marr (8) and Doug Darnell, Lance Daniels (8), L—Jim Jimaki, Todd Harvey (8) and Troy Rusk, W—Jimaki (10-2), L—Hargis (1-4), 2B—Chris Turner (W), Tony Fleming (W), Marr (W), Andy Brandon 2 (SF), HR—Gus Volmer (SF), Records—Western 21-31, 5-12 in Sun Belt; South Florida 39-14, 12-5.

Baseball

S. Florida eliminates Western

A Daily News report 5-8-89

TAMPA, Fla. — Sun Belt Conference West Division Champion South Florida dashed all hopes Western had for post-season play here Sunday when the Bulls beat the Hilltoppers 12-9.

The loss dropped Western into fourth place in the division. Western (21-32) needed to finish in the top three to qualify for the playoffs but finished its conference schedule with a 5-13 record, one game behind third-place Alabama Birmingham.

The bright spot for the Hilltoppers, who were swept in the three-game series with the Bulls over the weekend, was Chris Turner's eighth-inning double Sunday. That shot tied the school record for doubles in a season at 20. Turner has five games left to break Mike Murray's 1980 mark. Turner also led the Sun Belt in doubles this season.

Western went into the eighth inning down 12-3 but hit four straight doubles in a six-run rally that fell short.

Western 002 100 040-9 14 2
South Florida 120 610 20x-12 17 0
WP—Floren, LP—Haynes.

WESTERN KENTUCKY. — Chris Healy, a free-style swimmer from New Albany High School, signed a letter-of-intent.

C.J. 5-9-89

Baseball C.J.
At Richmond 5-12-87
 000 110 110—4 7 8
 402 001 07x—14 16 6
Western
Eastern
 Darnell, Lance Daniels (6), Jason Schira,
 Steve Olsen (4), Brad Weiker (8) and Frank
 Kremblas, John Lorns (9). W—Schira (8-
 5). L—Kizziah (8-7). 2B—Scott Fitzpa-
 trick (W). Chris Turner (W). Joe Banks (C).
 Jerry Schoen (E). Marc Siemer (E). Brian
 Mills (E). HR—Siemer (E). Records—
 Western 21-33, Eastern 38-13-1.

Baseball C.J.
At Cincinnati 5-13-87
 Western Ky. 100 000 010—2 8 0
 Xavier 102 000 10x—4 7 2
 Steve Marr, Ken Edenfield (7), Eric
 Hughes (8) and Lance Daniels. Brian Bur-
 asz and Pat Mahon. W—Burasz (2-5). L—
 Marr (1-1). 2B—Brad Haller (X). Scott
 Fitzpatrick (W). HR—Chris Turner (W).
 Chris Gage (W). Records—Western 21-
 34, Xavier 17-33.

Baseball C.J.
At Bowling Green 5-14-87
 Southern Illinois 100 100 0—2 8 8
 Western Kentucky 102 100 x—3 8 1
 Sean Bergman and Matt Giegling. Scott
 Wambagana, Don Enright (7), Ken Eden-
 field (7) and Doug Darnell. W—Wambag-
 ana (1-0). L—Bergman (5-7). 2B—Tim
 Davis (SI).
 Southern Illinois 100 010 0—2 8 8
 Western Kentucky 100 105 x—8 8 1
 Dale Meyer and Matt Giegling. Jeff Lado-
 gar and Lance Daniels. Darnell (7). W—
 Ladogar (2-2). L—Meyer (4-8). 2B—
 Jonathan Camilo (WKU). Tommy Burroughs
 (WKU). Records—Southern Illinois 24-35;
 Western Kentucky 23-34.

Baseball C.J.
At Bowling Green 5-15-87
 Southern Ill. 800 011 000—2 10 2
 Western Ky. 800 350 00x—8 11 8
 Chris Bond, Ryan McWilliams (5), Kent
 Giegling, Derek Shelton (8) and Matt
 Heath Haynes (6). Randy Cook (8) and
 Doug Darnell. Lance Daniel (7). W—Kizziah
 (SIU). Giegling (SIU). 2B—Doug Shields
 Steve Marr (WKU). Kurt Endebrook (SIU).
 Chris Gage (WKU). HR—Darnell (WKU).
 (WKU). Records—Western Ky. 24-34.
 Southern Ill. 24-36.

Western finishes with sweep

A Daily News report 5-15-89

WKU baseball

Western Kentucky University's baseball team did something over the weekend, it's achieved only one other time this season. It swept a three-game series.

The victim this time was Southern Illinois. Western (24-34) swept Northeast Illinois in February. The Hilltoppers' pitching staff held Southern Illinois (24-37) to two runs a game for the series as Western closed out its season.

Western broke open Sunday's game in the third inning on a single by Brad Worley, an RBI double by Steve Marr and a two-run homer by Tony Fleming.

Western cruised to an 8-2 win after 3-2 and 6-2 wins on Saturday.

Western's Chris Turner went 2

for 3 and stayed in the hunt for the batting title in the Sun Belt Conference.

Sunday marked the last game for pitcher Daren Kizziah, who finished the season at 9-7 and won 20 games in his career faster than any Hilltopper in history. It also was the final game for seniors Chris Gage and Randy Cook.

Saturday

First game

Southern Illinois	100 100 0-2 8 6
Western	002 100 x-3 6 1
WP—Wambsganss, LP—Bergman.	

Second game

Southern Illinois	100 010 0-2 8 1
Western	000 105 x-4 8 1
WP—Ledogar, LP—"Meyer.	

Sunday

Southern Illinois	000 011 000-2 10 2
Western	000 350 00x-8 11 0
WP—Kizziah, LP—Reed.	

WKU-bound Markham fans nine in shutout

By DARYLL S. CROUCH 6-14-87
Daily News Sports Writer

John Markham is just getting into the flow.

Having recently signed to play for Western Kentucky University, the talented Russellville High graduate garnered a six-inning, nine-strikeout performance Tuesday and helped the American Legion Post 23 Barons cruise to a 7-0 win over the Connie Mack Colonels at Hobson Grove.

The Barons raised their record to 3-6, and the Colonels are 1-4.

Post 23 and Russellville coach Lou Kendall said Markham is recovering nicely from a shoulder injury that limited Markham's pitching during the high school season.

"John had 44 strikeouts in 24 innings last season before he got hurt," Kendall said. "We weren't going to pitch him that long tonight — maybe five innings — but we had a conference and he wanted to stay out there."

"It was good for him. He got in about 110 pitches, and he needed the work."

Markham, who hurt his shoulder while he was lifting weights, said he's well now but needs to get back into his form.

"I'm feeling a lot better," said Markham, who pitched a no-hitter in the Barons' opener. "I was struggling at the beginning of the game, and it took me about three innings to settle down. I knew I had a little time to get into it though, because my teammates

Baseball

Gave me a good cushion early.

Markham walked to leadoff the game and scored the only run. Post 23 would need on Gary Gellings' RBI double after a single by Kevin Harmon.

Next batter Eddie Sharer put the game out of reach when he sent Kelly Young's fastball over the 320-foot mark in left field. Sharer's blast gave the Barons a 4-0 lead.

A wild pitch and a couple of throwing errors led to three more runs in the sixth.

The game was delayed for more than an hour in an attempt to get the muddy field into playable condition.

Colonel infielder Herbie Hardcastle said the delay and the dampness may have helped the Colonels commit three errors.

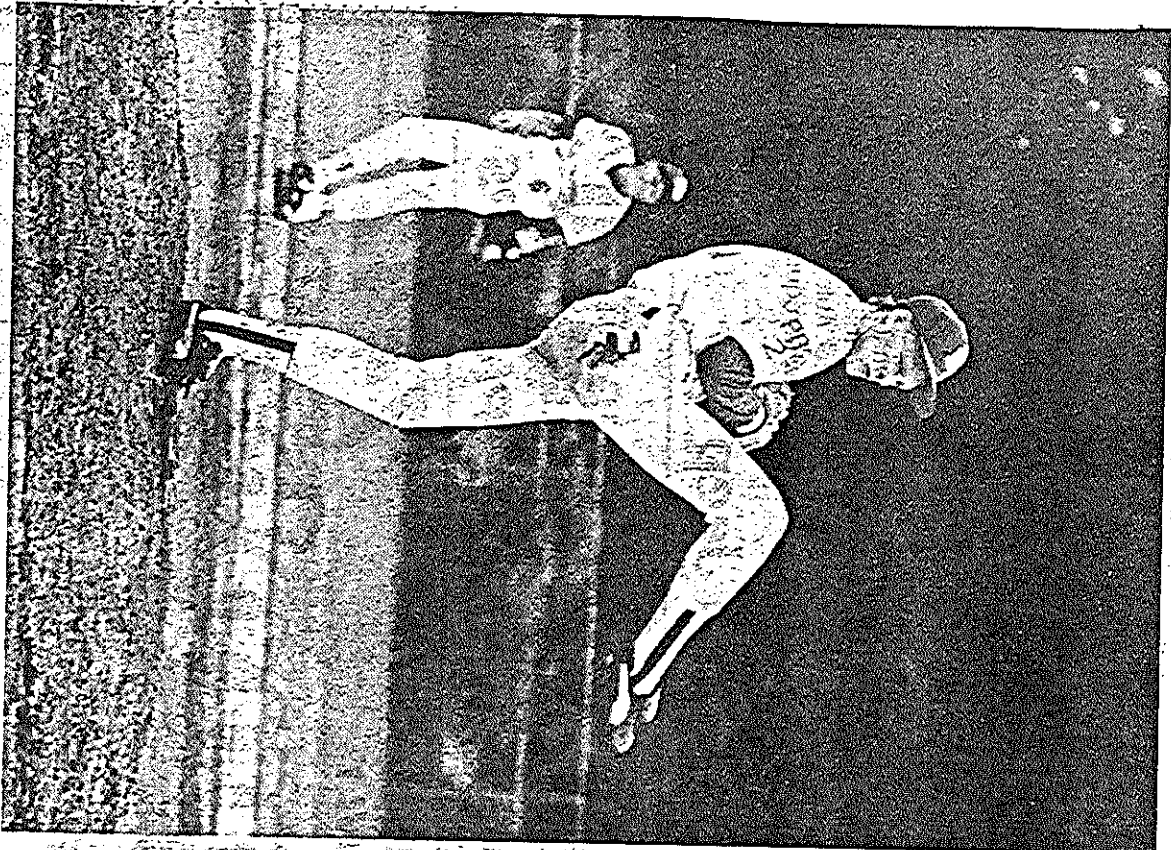
"We just had a tough day," Hardcastle said. "It's a long season, and we'll bounce back." Colonel coach Matt Logic agreed with Hardcastle.

"We'll keep getting better," Logic said. "We got a good pitching performance, and except for a couple of lapses, we gave a pretty good defensive effort too." Young pitched seven innings and struck out seven Barons.

Celebrity

Barons
WKU—Markham, L.P.—Young

000 000 000-0 6 3
400 000 000-7 9 2



AP Laserphoto

JOHN MARKHAM of Post 23 gets set to hurl a pitch Tuesday at Hobson Grove. He struck out nine batters as the American Legion Barons beat the Connie Mack Colonels 7-0. Markham, a standout at Russellville High, recently signed to play baseball for Western Kentucky University.

Pickens retirement sparks gridiron memories

By WAYNE VAUGHN 7-28-87
Daily News Special Writer

The end of an era came quietly in June.

Jim Pickens, former coach at Western Kentucky University and Bowling Green High School retired after 25 years of coaching (1952-1977) at the college and high school levels and 23 years (1976-1989) at WKU ending his career as director of intramurals.

Pickens, 62, first made his name known in Bowling Green as a member of the Hilltoppers' football and basketball teams in the late 1940s when he was an All-Ohio Valley Conference quarterback.

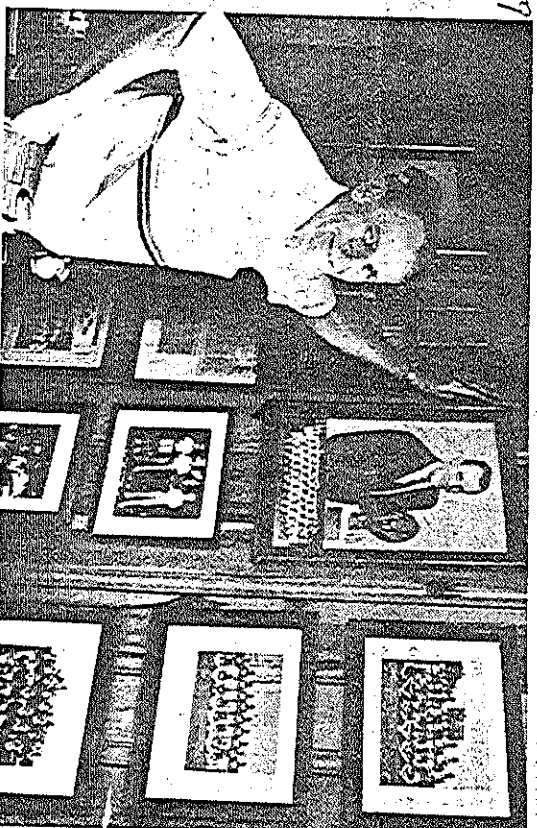
He was a big name at Western, but most people remember Pickens for the contributions he made at Bowling Green High School from 1959-1965.

He changed the entire program around and the players wanted to win, according to Bowling Green attorney Joe Bill Campbell.

"We left his practices and felt like we could beat anybody in the state," Campbell said. "We believed we had the best team in the state and had only won two games in two and a half years."

In his first year at BGHS the Purples had a record of 8-2-1 and won the Southern Kentucky Championship.

In his second year at BGHS, 1960, Pickens led the Purples to the Western Kentucky Conference Championship against some tough



FORMER BOWLING GREEN coach Jim Pickens stands alongside some of the reminders of his years as a coach.
Staff Photo by Craig Bell

opponents like Owensboro, Paducah and Mayfield. They also won the Southern Kentucky Championship that year with a record of 8-3-0.

During his tenure at Bowling Green he took a team that lost 26 in a row to a team that won 37 of their next 56 contests.

Pickens coaching career started at Elizabethtown in 1952 improving his record each of the four seasons he was there, 4-5-1, 5-4-1, 6-4-0 and 7-2-0.

The next three seasons Pickens was at Danville with an overall record of 21 wins, seven losses

and one tie.

In his last year at Danville, 1958, he led the team through an undefeated season and was named Coach of the Year in Kentucky. He was lured away to Bowling Green in 1959 for the then impressive salary of \$5,000, according to a Daily News story at the time.

The Purples had lost 26 in a row when Pickens took the reins.

Former Daily News Sports Editor Bert Borrono wrote Feb. 5, 1959, the day after Pickens

agreed to leave Danville, "he is leaving a sure winner and possibly another Coach of the Year plaque."

"He is departing a post that which in recent years has been a stepping stone to the University of Kentucky staff," Borrono wrote. "He is coming to a school which only in the final month of the last season began coming out of a nearly three-year fog of defeat."

Campbell remembers when Pickens came to coach the Purples. Campbell was a sophomore quarterback that year.

"The first thing I remember about him is what tremendous enthusiasm he generated about what lay ahead," Campbell said. "He was great at inspiring you to believe in yourself and to believe that you could do anything that you set your mind to."

Pickens' practices were tough, but worthwhile, according to Campbell.

"We would practice in the morning and it was tough," Campbell said. "Then about 20 of us would go up to Reservoir Hill and vow and declare that we were all going to quit because practices were so tough, but that afternoon we would all go right back down there again."

Former Western and NFL star Dale Lindsey attributed Pickens winning ways to his attitude and the way he dealt with young players.

"He was very confident and very positive," said Lindsey who played for the Cleveland Browns for nine years after leaving

WKU. "He made you feel like you were going to win regardless of what happened."

Lindsey now a defensive coordinator for the Southern Methodist University Mustangs tries to keep Pickens' coaching philosophy alive in Dallas.

"I get in a tight situation coaching and I still refer back to those high school days and what coach Pickens would have done," Lindsey said.

Pickens' also coached baseball at BGHS and led the team to a state championship in 1965 his final year as a high school coach.

During his six years as baseball coach the team was 128-20 with four trips to the state tournament.

He went to Western in 1966 to coach their baseball team for 11 years.

Overall, the Hilltoppers went 181-184-4 during his tenure. His 1974 team finished 30-8. It was the first time in the school's history a team had won 30 games.

His record at Western along with his high school years, left Pickens' final win-loss total at 402-243 for 25 years in football and baseball—a winning percentage of .623.

Pickens was a doctor of psychology and that led to a winning career, according to Warren County attorney Mike Caudill.

"He would inspire and motivate you to win," Caudill said. "He gave pre-game and half-time speeches that made maniacs out of all of us and he taught us how to win and to enjoy it."

Old-timers game is set to precede South Fla. game

By JOE MEDLEY 2-2-70
Daily News Sports Editor

It's been 25 years since Johnny Oldham first became head basketball coach at Western Kentucky. He's making his return to Western basketball.

Now calm down, Western fans. Nothing has happened to present head coach Murray Arnold. Oldham will join about 70 former Hilltoppers in the annual Old-timers game set for Saturday night at 6:15 p.m. in Diddle Arena.

The Oldtimers game will precede Western's Sun Belt Conference game against South Florida.

Oldham, the former great player and coach who led Western to its 1971 Final Four appearance, is looking forward to the Old-timers game, though he'll just be watching.

"I'm too old to do much else," he said. "It'll be exciting to see a lot of the guys haven't seen a long time."

Oldham has never really left Western. He became athletics director after stepping down as coach, he teaches a basketball coaching class at Western and he can always be found at Western games.

"I've always been close to basketball, and being athletics director made me close to the other sports," he said.

Of the more familiar former Hilltoppers who will play are Chuck Rawlings, Al Ellison, Gary Sundmaker, Bob Daniels, Johnny Britt, Bobby Rascoe, Gary Carver, Bobby Jones, Darrell Carrier, Fred Tisdale, Ray Rhorer, Ronnie Clark, Steve Miller, Durey Cadwell and David Beckner.

Oldham will join a list of former players who will be present but will

not dress out for the game. With Oldham's group is Chuck Witt, Dee Gibson, Carlyle Towery, Ralph Crosthwaite, Buddy Cate and Eddie Diddle Jr.

Baseball season opening

Western's baseball team was to open its season today at top-ranked Florida State.

The Hilltoppers will play a three-game series at Tallahassee, Fla., ending on Sunday. Western's schedule includes 23 games against 1989 NCAA Regional participants.

"The early games against Florida State and Central Florida should be very helpful in giving us an indication of how good our club is," said Joel Murrie, who is beginning his 11th season as Western's coach.

Western will go Central Florida on Feb. 9-10 and Western Carolina Feb. 17-18 for the season's next two series. Both teams made the regionals.

Baseball fund-raiser

Several influential people in the local baseball community have organized a \$50,000 fund-raiser for Western's baseball team.

In an attempt to put in 200 chair-back seats, a new concessions stand, restroom facilities and a pressbox at Denes Field, the Hilltopper Athletic Foundation and a committee of baseball notables are selling each seat for a \$250 contribution.

Any person who buys a seat will have his name put on it and exclusive use of the seat for four seasons.

Committee members include Murrie, Dan Mosier, Paul Kilgus, Jimmy Feix, Ken Wallace, Jerry Davis, Doris Turner, Mike Reynolds, Kim Kirby, Wendell Strode, Jim Pickens, Gary West, Dr. Jack Glaser and Joe Earl Campbell.

Western loses to top-ranked FSU

D.N. 2-4-96

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The Western Kentucky University baseball team fell against the mighty again on Saturday.

The Hilltoppers (0-2) lost to No. 1 ranked Florida State 6-4 after dropping a 6-3 decision to FSU on Friday.

Western was to play Florida State again at 1 p.m. today.

A Hilltopper rally in the sixth, spearheaded by a two-run homer by Mario Baker, fell short. In the seventh, John Keck scored on a ground out and Wilfred Brown came in on a passed ball. But Western could muster no more offense.

"The only way we're going to

compete with Florida State on their home field is to play perfect baseball," said Western coach Joel Murrie. "I don't know if we can do that this early in the season."

Steve Marr was scheduled to start in today's contest. Marr is a native of Franklin, Ky.

Saturday's game
WKU 000 002 200-4 8 0
FSU 102 020 10x-6 9 1
WP—Chris Roberts (1-0), Save—Brad Gregory (1), LP Jason Crandall (0-1), HR — Western Mario Eaker (1).

WKU 010 020 000-3 11 0
FSU 200 301 00x-6 11 3
WP—Gar Finnvid, LP—Heath Haynes. Extra-base hits, Western — Doug Darnall (2B), Florida State — Marc Ronan, Brad Parker, Bob Reboin (2B).

WKU wins

A Daily News report

The Western Kentucky University baseball team split a doubleheader with Central Florida on Saturday night.

The Hilltoppers (2-4) lost the first game 13-3 and won the nightcap 4-2.

Senior catcher Doug Damell blasted a two-run triple to left center field and Ken Edenfield scattered eight hits for his first win in as many decisions this season to help Western to its 4-2 win.

Western whipped the Knights 0-3 on Friday, but Central Florida (1-3) exploded for 13 hits in Saturday's first game and came up with its first win.

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WKU drops a doubleheader

A Daily News report

CULLOWHEE, N.C. — Western's baseball team dropped a doubleheader on Sunday at Western Carolina University.

The Hilltoppers (2-6) lost the first game 4-3 and fell in the nightcap 5-4 in seven innings.

Western's centerfielder Paul Jackson smacked a two-run double in the ninth inning of the first game, bringing the Toppers into a 3-3 tie.

A groundout in the bottom of the 10th inning by Western Carolina's Grant Brittain was the game-winner.

In the second game, Western led 4-2 in the fifth, aided by two RBI's by Jackson. But the Catamounts rallied to win 5-4.

Western will have its home opener against the Indiana Hoosiers at 2 p.m. Friday at Nick Denes Field.

Murrie, community have WKU baseball making its move

By JOE MEDLEY
Daily News Sports Editor

Western Kentucky baseball coach Joel Murrie has a saying that befits a program on the move.

"If you're not trying to get better and you're not improving, you're really falling behind," Murrie said.

That said, Murrie and some members of the baseball community are working on a facelift for Denes Field and trying to bring Western's program up to snuff with the rest of the Sun Belt clubs.

Meanwhile, Murrie is piecing together what may be one of his best teams in his 10 years at Western. The Hilltoppers are 2-6 going into Friday's 2 p.m. home-opening game with Indiana. But Western lost three close games to top-ranked Florida State, 6-3, 6-4 and 6-3, and took two of three road games from 1989 NCAA regional participant Central Florida.

Murrie will count on a deep pitching staff and a hit-and-run-oriented offense to bounce back from a 24-34 1989.

But first, the winds of progress. Several members of the baseball community, including Bowling Green major-leaguer Paul Kilgus,

started a fund-raiser to add 200 chairback seats to Denes Field. The committee wants to add restroom facilities and concession stands. The long-term goal is lights and maybe a new field.

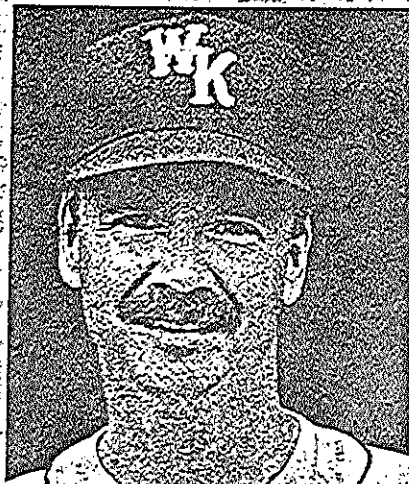
Western will also charge \$2 admission to home games for the first time. Children between ages 6-16 get in for \$1, and season tickets are \$30.

As of this writing, Western has 165 of the 200 seats sold at \$250 apiece. For investing the money, a fan gets his name on the seat and use of the seat for four seasons.

Need more signs of progress? A record 40 of Western's games will be broadcast on radio. Western's 60-game schedule includes 23 games against teams that participated in 1989 NCAA regionals.

The movement toward progress began as a harmless conversation one day in Memphis, Tenn. Now it's turned into a new vision for what Western's baseball program could mean to the community.

"The work on our field isn't just good for our baseball team," Murrie said. "It's going to make us more able to help the baseball community. We'll have a field that can be



JOEL MURRIE

used 10 to 12 months out of the year, and summer leagues and high schools can use it.

"We also hope to be more involved in teaching youth the game of baseball and being there as a help to the baseball community."

The baseball community has certainly been a help to Western. Bowling Green and surrounding high schools produced eight of Western's 24 players.

Among the starters are Warren Central's Chris Turner, Franklin-Simpson's Steve Marr, Bowling Green's Jeff Ledogar and Russellville's John Markham. Other local products look to help.

"We've got 15 Kentucky players out of 24 kids, and eight are local," Murrie said. "I'm sure a lot of people around here like that."

Western lost four starters from

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last year's team, but Murrie has experienced pitchers and infielders to go with his new but talented outfield.

"We feel like we've got a good ballclub that can be very successful," Murrie said. "You can measure success in wins and losses, but we want to measure it in how we do in Sun Belt Tournament games."

"We're shooting to win the Sun Belt Tournament and get some NCAA Tournament play."

Here's a look at Murrie's pitching staff, infielders, catchers, outfielders and offense:

PITCHING

Western's pitching staff bares several familiar names and variety.

"We don't have any one pitcher who is the overpowering superstar," Murrie said. "We have about 10 different ones, each having his own special strength. Some are fastball throwers and some have a great slider."

"We've also got three left-handers this year, which is more than we've ever had."

Among the veterans who return are Steve Bercier, Ken Edenfield, Heath Haynes, Ledogar and Otis Lewis.

Murrie isn't settled on a starting rotation, but probables are Haynes, Bercier and Marr, according to the the preseason baseball prospectus released by the school.

The relief ace will be Edenfield, who set records last season for most appearances with 28 and strikeouts with 83.

The three lefties are Markham, Jason Crandall and Brian Walsh.

Western will also have help from Neil Corley, Franklin's Keith Hargis, Warren East product Eric Hughes and even Turner, who normally plays third base.

"Chris has reached the point where he's ready to be a dual-role player," Murrie said. "He threw in high school, and he's got a great arm. We're looking for him to be a closer."

INFIELD

Turner has been a closer of sorts in his two-plus seasons at Western. He's closed the book on a lot of pitchers.

Turner was the Sun Belt home-run champ as a freshman, and he batted .387 as a sophomore with 44 RBI and 10 home runs.

He and shortstop Brad Worley (.253 last season) give Western an experienced left side of the diamond.

On the right side are Junior college transfer Wilfred Brown at the second bag and veteran slugger Jonathan Camilo at first.

Western is blessed with good depth in the infield with utility players Tommy Burrough and Jason Fithian, and Warren Central product Brian Dillard at first along with freshman Clint Lowenstine.

"In our eight games so far, we've played good team defense," Murrie said. "I've been pleased with the infield and the outfield play."

OUTFIELD

In the outfield are veteran Scott Fitzpatrick, Warren East standout John Keck, junior Mario Baker and freshman Paul Jackson. Marr has been helping out in left.

Baker is one of four Western newcomers to have been drafted by a major-league team. He was picked by the Toronto Blue Jays.

Jackson was a first-round choice of the Cincinnati Reds, and he gives the Hilltoppers a switch-hitter.

Fitzpatrick started 50 of 51 games last season for Western and batted .281, and Keck saw limited action.

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Murrie has a trio of talented catchers who can double as designated hitters.

"We've got three quality catchers," Murrie said. "We feel comfortable with any one of them in the lineup."

Senior slugger Doug Darnall gets the starting assignment because of his offensive prowess. He batted five homers and batted .267 last season.

But sophomore Lance Daniels and freshman Richard Greenwell are expected to help. Greenwell, from Shelby County, was selected by the Montreal Expos. Daniels "is a student of the game," Murrie said. "He handles pressure situations well."

OFFENSE

The Hilltoppers may look like a St. Louis Cardinals farm team this season, stealing bases and shooting hits through the gaps.

"We're not a great power team," Murrie said. "We are going to steal bases and get a lot of doubles and triples. We're going to be a running team."

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.310, Jackson .300, Fitzpatrick .286, Keck .280, Damall
.276, Turner .276, Brown .250, Burrough .211, Baker
.143, Dillard .133.

Home runs — Baker 1.

Runs batted in — Damall 7, Worley 6, Jackson 6,
Keck 2, Turner 2, Baker 2, Marr 1, Camilo 1, Fitzpatrick
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Hits — Worley 11, Camilo 9, Jackson 9, Damall 8,
Turner 8, Keck 7, Brown 4, Burrough 4, Fitzpatrick 4,
Baker 3, Marr 2, Dillard 2.

Doubles — Camilo 2, Keck 2, Damall 2, Turner 2,
Worley 1, Jackson 1, Burrough 1.

Triples — Worley 1, Damall 1.

Stolen bases — Worley 2 for 2, Jackson 2 for 3,
Keck 1 for 1, Turner 1 for 2, Brown 1 for 1, Baker 2 for
2, Ledogar 1 for 1.

PITCHING

Earned run averages — Edenfield 2.45, Hargis 3.18,
Hughes 3.86, Haynes 4.82, Marr 4.91, Ledogar 5.87,
Markham 6.00, Corley 6.35, Crandall 16.62.

Records — Edenfield 1-1, Hughes 0-1, Haynes 0-1,
Corley 1-1.

Saves — Haynes 1.

Strikeouts — Edenfield 12, Marr 7, Corley 5, Hughes
4, Haynes 4, Ledogar 3, Crandall 2, Hargis 1, Markham
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WKU outshivers Xavier at Denes Field

2-25-90

By DARYLL S. CROUCH
Daily News Sports Writer

There was one similarity between Saturday's baseball game at Denes Field and that special game of the 1988 World Series.

Western's Jonathan Canillo limped up to home plate — looking like L.A. Dodger Kirk Gibson — with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning and the Hilltoppers trying to climb out of a 7-6 deficit against Xavier.

Like Gibson, Canillo overcame his ailing hamstring and belted a two-run shot — aided by a 29 mph wind — over the left-field fence to give Western an 8-7 win.

But this wasn't the World Series. It was much too cold for the World Series. With a wind chill of 16 degrees, it was too cold for baseball. So cold, the second game of the scheduled doubleheader was cancelled along with today's scheduled 1 p.m. matchup with Xavier

(0-1).

Canillo, who went 3 for 5 with two homers and 4 RBI on Saturday and leads the team with a .316 average, is looking forward to weather more conducive for Western's Boys of Summer.

"The cold (and hamstring pull) bothered me some," said Canillo, a senior first baseman and native of the Dominican Republic. "But when I got up to home plate, I just tried to forget about it."

The Hilltoppers (4-6) also got a solid relief-pitching performance from Franklin native Keith Hargis as Western survived an error-filled fourth inning. Hargis entered midway through the seventh inning in relief for Heath Haynes, who pitched three innings.

Jeff Ledogar was the starting pitcher and entered the fourth inning with a 2-0 lead on Doug Darnall's two-run smash in the third. But Xavier took advantage of two

Western throwing errors to score four unearned runs and take a 4-2 lead.

Western coach Joel Murrie isn't as concerned with early-season wins as he is with early-season effort. Hargis gave the effort Murrie was looking for.

"Keith Hargis really did a super job," he said. "He had it breaking in there today. He's probably the most underrated pitcher on our staff."

If the cold and wind bothered Hargis (1-0), he didn't show it.

"It was pretty rough at times," he said. "But the worst part of it was sitting on the bench and freezing. But it's part of the game."

"We're a young team. We need to keep making sure we don't go in to any more games laid back like we did today."

David Jackson smacked an RBI double to the right-field wall in the bottom of the fourth inning to cut

Xavier's lead to 4-3. Xavier added three more runs in the seventh before Hargis entered the game. But Western cut it to 7-6 on Canillo's first two-run blast over the 330-foot left-field wall.

Xavier went through seven pitching changes in its opener.

The Hilltoppers will travel to Louisville on Tuesday and are scheduled to take on Middle Tennessee on Thursday at Denes Field.

Friday's game: Western 4, Indiana 3

In the season's home opener on Friday, catcher Doug Darnall's solo home run in the eighth inning broke a 3-3 tie, and reliever Neil Corley slammed the door on Indiana in the ninth for his first save.

Friday's game

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Saturday's game

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Indiana 0-1, Western 3-0.

Tops lose in ninth inning

A Daily News report

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — Western's baseball team dropped a tough 9-8 decision to Middle Tennessee on Wednesday.

The Raiders led 5-3 going into the top of the sixth inning. Western rallied for two runs to tie the game, but a big ninth inning for Middle Tennessee proved to be the Western's downfall.

Middle's Jay Owens had a three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth to clinch the victory. Western committed two errors in the crucial ninth inning.

Middle improved to 2-1. Western fell to 4-7.

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Baseball

At Murfreesboro, Tenn.

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Tops' game suspended after seven innings

Western Kentucky University's baseball team's game with Middle Tennessee on Thursday was suspended after seven innings with the score tied 6-6.

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Damp and cold weather forced the last two innings of the game to be rescheduled for April 18, when the Raiders visit Denes Field in Bowling Green.

The Hilltoppers will tackle Rice University and the University of Houston during their five-game spring break trip beginning Saturday at Houston.

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Transfer from WKU helps Houston beat former team

Special to The Courier-Journal
3-5-78

HOUSTON — First baseman James Wambach, a second-year transfer from Western Kentucky, doubled in two runs in the second inning to give Houston a 2-0 victory over WKU yesterday in college baseball.

Winning pitcher Ben Weber (3-2) went the distance, striking out five batters and walking only two.

Ken Edenfield was handed his second loss in four outings after going six innings. Edenfield struck out four and walked three.

Houston improved its record to 10-7, while Western fell to 5-8.

The three-game series will conclude today at 1 p.m. EST.

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Houston tops Toppers, 11-3

A Daily News report 3-6-70

HOUSTON — Houston scored four quick runs and then enjoyed six Western Kentucky errors on the way to an 11-3 win here Monday. Western fell to 5-9, and Houston is 11-7.

The Cougars salted the game away in the first four innings, scoring four earned runs off Western starter Jeff Ledogar, who took the loss to fall to 0-1.

Brett Bartley slashed a two-run single in the first inning, and Keith Darter smacked a two-run double in the second. Then Western committed four errors and allowed three unearned runs in the third inning.

The Hilltoppers scored in the fifth on Scott Fitzpatrick's three-run home run to left-center field. He drove in Tommy Burrough and Mario Baker, who both walked.

Vaughn Eshelman won for Houston to go to 2-1.

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WP—Vaughn Eshelman (2-1). LP—Jeff Ledogar (0-1). HR—Scott Fitzpatrick (2-25)—Keith Darter, Pete Pedia and Scott Shalton, Houston.

Baseball

At Houston, Texas 3-10-70
Western Kentucky 000 011 001—3 9 0
Rice 000 000 000—0 4 0
Marr and Daniels, Greenwell (7). Howard, Ramharter (8) and Cook, W — Marr (2-0). L — Howard (2-4). 2B — Keck (WKU). Daniels (WKU). HR — Jackson (WKU). Records — Western Kentucky 6-9, Rice 13-10.

At Houston 3-7-70
Western Ky. 001 001 000—2 9 2
Rice 000 000 100—1 5 3
Ken Edenfield, Keith Hargis (8) and Doug Darnall, Chris Jones and Jamie Cook, L — Edenfield (3-2). W — Jones (2-2). S — Hargis (1). 2B — Darnall (WKU). John Keck (WKU). 3B — John Eshelman (R). HR — Paul Jackson (WKU). Records — Western 7-9, Rice 13-11.

Marr, Edenfield hurl for WKU wins

D.V. 3-11-70

HOUSTON, Texas — With a spring break trip to Texas under its belt, Western Kentucky's pitching staff is just beginning to heat up.

Hilltopper pitchers walked only one batter and gave up only one run in a two-game sweep over Rice here during the weekend.

Western blanked the Owls 3-0 on Friday and returned for a 2-1 win on Saturday to raise the Hilltoppers to a 7-9 record. Rice fell to 13-11.

Franklin's Steve Marr raised his pitching record to 2-0 with Friday's win. David Jackson supplied the offense on both outings with a home run in each game.

Ken Edenfield ruled the mound in Saturday's win and hurled seven strikeouts in seven innings and gave up one unearned run. Franklin's Keith Hargis came in relief in the eighth inning and did not allow a hit.

Jonathan Camilo's sacrifice fly scored Western's Brad Worley in the third inning. Jackson hit his second homer of the season — and the second in as many days — to leadoff the sixth inning.

Western will play host to Eastern Illinois on Friday at Denes Field.

Western blasts Eastern Illinois, 13-5

Western's baseball team bolted out to a four-run lead and poured on the offense in the fifth inning to bust Eastern Illinois on Saturday at Nick Denes Field.

The Toppers (8-9) got a two-run home run blast from freshman Paul Jackson — his third homer in as many games — in the seventh inning for the final margin of 13-5.

Eastern Illinois had come back to tie the game in the top of the fifth inning with the help of a three-run dinger by Dana Leibovitz. But the Toppers rallied in the bottom of the inning as Tommy Burrough, Brad Worley, and Chris Turner drove in runs singled as Western scored four runs to lead 9-5.

John Keck was 4 for 5 in the game for Western with a double and three runs scored. Franklin native Steve Marr (3-0) picked up the win.

Western played Northern Illinois after the first game, but it was called because of darkness in the seventh inning with the Toppers leading 5-3. The game will be completed today before Western's regularly scheduled game with Northern at noon.

At Bowling Green
 Eastern Illinois . . . 100 040 000 — 5
 Western Ky. . . . 211 142 200 — 13
 Doug Furlow, Michael Deese (4), Craig Jones (7) and Daniel Briesse, D.J. McCullough (7). Steve Marr, Jeff Ledogar (6) and Doug Darnall, Richard Greenwell (7). W — Marr (3-0). L — Furlow, 2B — Brad Worley (W). Quint Loewenstein (W), John Keck (W). HR — Dana Leibovitz (E), Paul Jackson (W).

0-10 3-18-90

WKU splits with N. Iowa

A Daily News report 3-19-76

Western Kentucky and Northern Iowa split a doubleheader on Sunday at Nick Denes Field.

The Toppers (9-10) won the completion of Saturday's suspended game 6-3 and dropped a 8-6 decision in the regularly schedule game.

Western catcher Doug Darnall smacked a solo home run in each game, and Brad Worley hit two doubles as he went 3-4 in the first game. Ken Edenfield (4-2) picked up the win.

In the second game, the Panthers scored six times in the first four in-

nings, knocking out Topper starter Jason Crandall (0-3). Northern Iowa's John Pratt was 4-6 for the day, including an RBI double and two run-scoring singles.

Western rallied late with two runs in the eighth inning, but left the bases loaded as Northern Iowa held on for the win.

Today's contest with Butler University was cancelled due to bad weather. Western will attempt to make up the game on Tuesday as part of a doubleheader with Butler, weather permitting.

Western's Darnall garners SBC honor

Western Kentucky University baseball catcher Doug Darnall was named this season's first Sun Belt Conference Player of the Week after slamming two solo home runs in three games.

Darnall, a 6-foot-2, 205-pound senior from Memphis, Tenn., appeared in three games, hitting two homers, driving in five runs and scoring four runs. He was 6 for 10 during the three games and raised his average from .237 to .290.

Darnall also played errorless ball and threw out three would-be base stealers.

The Hilltoppers were 9-10 going into today's game against Butler at 1 p.m. at Denes Field.

D. N. 3-20-98

Jackson, Turner homer as Toppers split

Paul Jackson's three-run home run in the third inning put Western Kentucky's baseball team up for good, and the Hilltoppers cruised to a 12-4 win over Butler in the second game of a doubleheader Tuesday at Denes Field.

In the first game, Butler bested Western 4-2. Western is 10-11 on the season.

A freshman from LaGrange, Jackson crushed his fourth home run of the season over right field to give Western a 5-4 lead. He drove in Chris Turner, who reached on an error, and Brad Worley, who hit an infield single.

Butler took an early 3-0 lead, but Western answered with a run each in the first and second innings. The Hilltoppers scored four runs in the third and six in the next two innings.

Brian Walsh took the win for Western to move to 1-0. Scott Metzger lost to drop to 5-7. Worley had four hits for Western. In the first game, Burleson had four hits.

In the first game, Butler pitcher Craig Kessler (1-3) mastered the Hilltoppers with four strikeouts while Western starter John Markham was lifted after his first out.

Kessler kept Western bats quiet until the seventh, when Turner slammed a two-run homer to left and scored John Keck.

At Bowling Green

Butler 300 100 0-4 7 0
Western Ky. 800 000 2-2 9 0
Craig Kessler and Joe Latty, John Mark-
ham, Eric Hughes (1) and Lance Daniels.
W-Kessler (1-3), L-Markham (0-1), 2B-
Raphael Coffee (B), Latty (B), Mark Lovat
(B), HR-Chris Turner (W).
Butler 301 000 0-4 8 2
Western Ky. 114 330 x-12 12 4
Scott Metzinger, Tim Mashek (4) and
Scott Johnson, Brian Walsh, Ken Eidenfield
(6) and Richard Greenwell, W-Walsh (1-0).
L-Metzingner, 2B-Chris Turner (W), Tom-
my Burrough (W), Greenwell (W), Coffee
(B), 3B-Burrough (W), HR-Paul Jackson
(W). Records - Butler (5-7), Western (10-
11). C.J. 3-21-96

WKU staves off Cincy rally, wins 7-6

Holding off a ninth-inning rally by Cincinnati, Western Kentucky came away with a 7-6 college baseball win Thursday at Denes Field.

The Hilltoppers rose to 11-11, and the Bearcats fell to 5-9.

Ken Edenfield got the save. He came on in the ninth with no outs, two runners on and Western up 7-5. He forced a groundout and a strikeout before getting Mike Mottice to ground to third base to end the game.

Bowling Green product Jeff Ledogar picked up the win to go to 1-1.

The big blow for Western was Doug Darnall's two-run double in the sixth inning that gave the Hilltoppers a 7-4 lead.

Western will go to Mobile, Ala., for a Sun Belt Conference series with South Alabama this weekend.

O.N. 3-23-90

Baseball

At Bowling Green

Cincinnati 201 000 002—6 10 3
Western Kentucky 000 034 00x—7 6 3
Ginatsis, Murphy (6), Abbott (7) and Wells, Marr, Haynes (3), Ledogar (5), Corley (7), Hargis (9), Edenfield (9) and Greenwell, Daniels (7). W — Ledogar (1-1). L — Murphy. 2B — Darnall (WKU), Barlage (C).

At Lexington

Butler 000 000 000—0 2 1
Kentucky 020 210 000—5 9 2
Tingle, Sells (7) and Johnson, Adkins, Thompson (4), Frazier (6), Froning (7), Griswold (8) and Norton, Thompson (5). WP — Thompson (1-0). LP — Tingle (0-1). Records — Kentucky 14-4, Butler 7-8.

Tennis

Western Kentucky 6, Austin Peay 3

At Clarksville, Tenn.

No. 1 singles — Shannon Peterson (AP) d. Amy LaLance 6-0, 6-1; No. 2 — Asa Helmerson (AP) d. Trish Mahon 6-0, 6-2; No. 3 — Kelly Haskins (W) d. Paige Atkins 6-0, 6-1; No. 4 — Ellen Hogancamp (W) d. Cindy Seymour 6-2, 6-3; No. 5 — Wendy Gunter (W) d. Laurie Helms 6-0, 6-3; No. 6 — Stephanie Kirtley (W) d. Kristy Atkins 6-0, 6-3.

No. 1 doubles — Helmerson-Peterson (AP) d. LaLance-Mahon 6-2, 6-3; No. 2 — Haskins-Kirtley (W) d. Atkins-Atkins 6-3, 6-0; No. 3 — Gunter-Hogancamp (W) d. Seymour-Helms 6-3, 6-1.

C.J. 3-23-90

WKU clips 25th-ranked S. Alabama

MOBILE, Ala. — Western, after losing the first two games of a three-game series to powerful South Alabama, bumped off the Jaguars in fine fashion on Sunday.

Western shut out the Jaguars 4-0 behind the pitching of Heath Haynes (1-1). Haynes blanked 25th-ranked South Alabama as he scattered nine hits in going the distance.

The Toppers became the first team to shut out the Jaguars in two seasons.

Jaguar pitcher Shane Hale (4-2) walked two Hilltoppers in the second inning to load the bases, setting the stage for Jonathan Camillo's run-scoring single.

Western scored two runs in the fourth inning on an error by South Alabama centerfielder Allen Battle. In the sixth, Western added another run for the final cushion.

The Toppers will play host to Eastern Kentucky at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Denes Field and Vanderbilt at 2 p.m. Wednesday before South Alabama comes to visit this weekend. *D.N.*

3-26-70

At Mobile, Ala.

Western Kentucky . 100 000 D-1 3 3
South Alabama . . . 000 004 x-4 3 2
Ken Edenfield and Doug Darnall, Mike Zimmerman and Corey Rodriguez, W — Zimmerman (5-3), L — Edenfield (4-3), 2B — Jay Geiner (S), Paul Jackson (W), Jonathan Camillo (W).
Western Kentucky . 000 000 2-2 7 0
South Alabama . . . 001 011 x-3 6 0
Steve Marr, Neil Conley (6) and Darnall, Scott Henderson, Rob Bergeron (7) and Scott Bosarge, W — Henderson (2-0), L — Marr (3-1), 2B — Alan Battle (S), Keith Murray (S), Darnall (W), 3B — Battle (S), Murray (S), Records — Western Kentucky 11-13, South Alabama 19-7, C-J 3-2-70

At Mobile, Ala.

Western Ky. . . . 010 201 000-4 11 1
South Alabama . 000 000 000-0 9 3
Heath Haynes and Doug Darnall, Shane Hale, Phil Angelos (7) and Corey Rodriguez, Scott Bosarge (7), W — Haynes (1-1), L — Hale (4-2), Jonathan Camillo (WKU) 2, Troy Jones (SA), Rodriguez (SA), Records — Western Kentucky 12-13 (1-2 Sun Belt West), South Alabama 19-8 (2-1), Sun Belt West, 3-26-70

EKU clobbers Western at Denes Field

Western fell victim to strong pitching and base stealing Wednesday at Denes Field as Eastern Kentucky romped over the Hilltoppers, 10-2.

The Colonels (15-10) stole five bases and scored in five innings in the rout. Eastern starter Joe Vogelgesang pitched into the eighth inning and allowed six hits and two runs.

No Western player reached second base until Jonathan Camilo's double in the eighth inning. Camilo was 3 for 3 in the game.

The only offensive production for the Hilltoppers came on John Keck's two-run home run to left field in the eighth, chasing Vogelgesang. Robert Teague came on to finish the game for his eighth save.

Western will try to regroup against Vanderbilt at 2 p.m. today at Denes Field. The Hilltoppers will play a doubleheader with Louisville at 1 p.m. Thursday.

Western fell to 12-14.

At Bowling Green
 Eastern Ky. 623 221 900—10 13 0
 Western Ky. 600 888 020—2 6 5
 Joe Vogelgesang, Robert Teague (8) and
 David Ott. Jeff Ledogar, Keith Hargis (3),
 Eric Hughes (5), Brian Walsh (6) and Rich-
 ard Greenwell. W—Vogelgesang (2-2) L—
 Ledogara (1-2). 2B—J. Johnson (E). Dennis
 Hodge (E). Jonathon Camilo (W). HR—
 Shea Wardwell (E). Joe Benko (E). NR—
 Jerry Schoen (E). John Keck (W). Records
 — Western 12-4, Eastern 15-10. 3-28-90

Turners' single beats Vandy in 11th

It was a pitchers' duel, but Western Kentucky University's baseball team came out on top at home Wednesday against Vanderbilt.

Junior third baseman Chris Turner's single in the 11th inning scored John Keck from second to give Western (13-14) a 1-0 victory over the Commodores (10-12).

Keck had walked and moved to second on a sacrifice by Wilfred Brown. Jeff Ledogar walked, setting up Turner's game-winning hit. The 11-inning shutout was the longest in 11 years for Western.

Western struggled with men on base, leaving 13 men on for the game compared to Vanderbilt's seven.

Keith Hargis (2-0) was the winning pitcher for Western, who will face the University of Louisville at 2 p.m. today at Denes Field. Jo Jo Smith (2-2) took the loss for Vanderbilt.

At Bowling Green C.J.
 Vanderbilt 000 000 000 00—0 6 3
 Western Ky. 000 000 000 01—1 5 0
 Ronnie McGill, Mike McLocklin (5), Jo Jo
 Smith (6) and Jeff Martin. Steve Marr, Ken
 Edenfield (6), Keith Hargis (11) and Doug
 Demall. W—Hargis (2-0). L—Smith (0-2).
 2B—Jonathon Camilo (W). Records —
 Western 13-14, Vanderbilt 10-12. 3-29-90

WKU's baseball team blanks Louisville 5-0

Special to The Courier-Journal

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Western Kentucky University got its third shutout in four games as the Hilltoppers ripped the University of Louisville 5-0 yesterday at Nick Denes Field.

Senior catch Doug Darnall's solo home run in the fourth and junior third baseman Chris Turner's two-run single in the seventh keyed the victory for Western (14-14).

Western shut out Vanderbilt 1-0 on Wednesday and South Alabama 4-0 last Sunday.

Heath Haynes went five innings for the Hilltoppers to improve his record to 2-1. He allowed three hits and one walk.

Baseball C.J.	
At Bowling Green	3-30-70
Louisville	000 000 000—0 4 1
Western Ky.	000 101 302—5 6 0
Jimmy Downs, Glenn Myers (6), Mike Vick (7), Rick Arnold (7) and Kevin Mings.	
Heath Haynes, Neil Corley (6) and Lance Daniels.	
W — Haynes (2-1). D — Downs (1-2). 2B — Chris Turner (W). Guy Wallace (L). HR — Doug Darnall (W). Records — Louisville, 9-13-1, Western 14-14.	

Tops blank Louisville behind Haynes

Western Kentucky University's baseball team got its third shutout in four games as the Hilltoppers blasted Louisville 5-0 Thursday at Denes Field. D/V 3-30-70

Senior catcher Doug Darnall's solo home run in the fourth inning and junior third baseman Chris Turner's two-run single in the seventh were more than enough offense for Western, 14-14.

Starting pitcher Heath Haynes went five innings to improve his record to 2-1, and Neil Corley mopped up the last four to ear his third save.

Haynes, a junior from Wheeling, W.Va., allowed just three hits and one walk while striking out three. Corley, a junior from Owensboro, gave up just one hit and walked two with four strikeouts.

Western shut out Vanderbilt 1-0 on Wednesday and blanked South Alabama 4-0 on Sunday. The Hilltoppers will play host to South Alabama in a Sun Belt Conference West Division series this weekend. The series will start with a doubleheader at noon on Saturday.

At Bowling Green 4-1-70

South Alabama	101 001 1-4 13 3
Western Kentucky	001 000 0-1 2 1
Mike Zimmerman and Corey Rodriguez.	
Ken Edenfield, Keith Hargis (7) and Doug Darnall. W — Zimmerman 6-3. L — Edenfield 4-4. 2B — Robby Robertson (SA). Bob Filotei (SA).	
South Alabama	002 000 1-3 5 2
Western Kentucky	000 130 x-4 6 0
Scott Henderson, Rob Bergeron (5) and Scott Bosarge. Steve Marr, Neil Corley (7) and Darnall. W — Marr 4-1. L — Henderson 2-1. 2B — Tyrone Dixon (SA). Records — South Alabama 20-9, Western 15-15.	

WKU's Marr, Jackson hot; Toppers split

4-1-70

By DARYLL S. CROUCH
Daily News Sports Writer

Steve Marr and Paul Jackson sizzled. South Alabama's Scott Henderson fizzled, and Western Kentucky's baseball team has a new outlook on the Sun Belt Conference Western Division race.

Jackson belted a fifth-inning two-run single to lift the Hilltoppers to a 4-3 win over USA in the second game of a doubleheader Saturday at Dene's Field. Marr (4-1) hurtled five strikeouts in six and two thirds steady innings, and Neil Corley stopped Allen Battle for the final out and picked up his fourth save.

Western (15-15) dropped the first game to the Jaguars, 4-1.

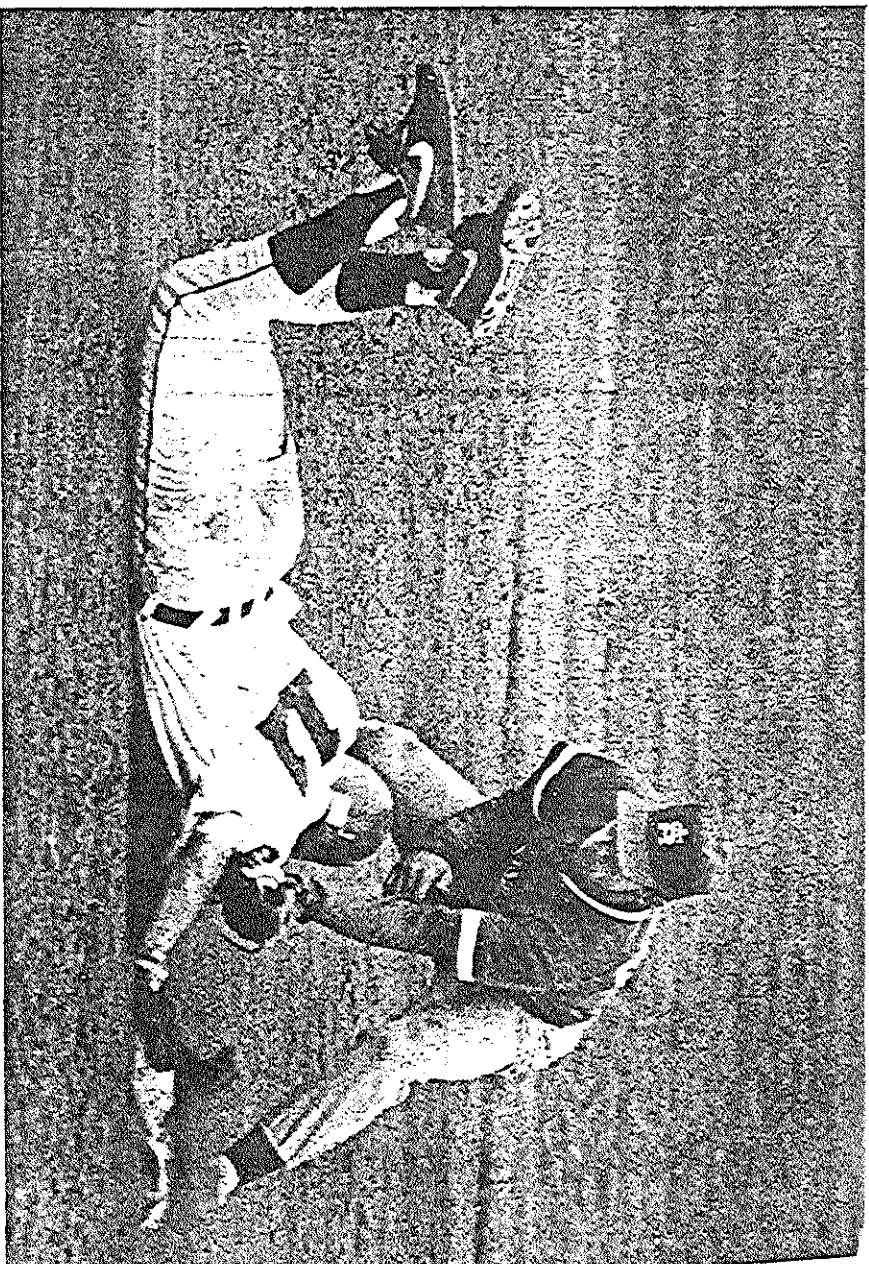
Henderson (2-1) walked Western's Jonathan Camilo and Doug Darnall after Brad Worley reached first base on an error to start the fifth inning. Jackson's two-run blast put the Hilltoppers up 3-2, and Darnall scored on a sacrifice bunt by Tommy Burrough to wrap up Western's scoring.

Western will finish its homestand with USA at 1 p.m. today at Dene's Field. Saturday's split put the Hilltoppers at 2-3 in the Western Division and in good early shape for a playoff run, according to Coach Joel Murrie.

"If we can get another win (today), we'd be at .500, and that's just where I'd like us to be. We've got UAB coming in here next weekend. If we could win two of three against them, we'd be in great shape."

Alabama Birmingham took a two-game sweep over Western-Division favorite South Florida on Saturday to establish itself as the divisional front-runner.

"We're looking to win it all,"



Staff Photo by Rob Hatcher

WESTERN KENTUCKY University shortstop Brad Worley (11) scampers back to second base after a pickoff attempt during WKU's doubleheader Satur-

day with Sun Belt Conference rival South Alabama. USA shortstop Bob Filotei applies the tag. Western split the two games with the 25th-ranked Jaguars.

Marr said. "If we can get our bats going we'll be fine. The pitching has been there from top to bottom. All we're lacking is the right hit and the right times."

Jackson, an Oldham County freshman, has had the big hits at the right times. Jackson has the ninth-best batting average on the team at .221, but his 18 RBI leaves him second to Darnall, who leads the team with 19.

"He's a freshman that's learning," Murrie said. "He makes his share of mistakes, but they're usually aggressive mistakes. He's the type of player we like to turn loose."

USA got the early jump on Western in the third inning when Robby Robertson's two-run double followed back-to-back singles to right field by Bob Filotei and Battle to give the Jaguars a 2-0 lead.

Warren East graduate John Keck answered in the fourth inning with a hard shot to left that scored Jackson to cut the deficit to 2-1, which set the stage for Jackson's sixth-inning heroics. Filotei nailed an run-scoring single in the seventh inning to round out USA's scoring.

First game: USA 4, Western 1

Western couldn't get into its swing against USA's Mike Zimmerman in the first game. The Jaguar

ace fanned 10 Hilltoppers in seven innings while his teammates had a field day against Western pitchers.

Zimmerman raised his record to 6-3, and Ken Edenfield fell to 4-4 as Western gave up 13 hits.

Western managed two hits against Zimmermann. Harold Dueitt pounded out three hits for the Jaguars, while Steve Simpson, Keith Murray, Jay Gainer and Robertson recorded two hits apiece.

First game

South Alabama 101 001 1-4 13 3

Western 001 000 0-1 2 1

WP—Zimmerman (6-3), LP—Edenfield (4-4).

Second game

South Alabama 002 000 1-3 5 2

Western 000 130 x-4 6 0

WP—Marr (4-1), LP—Henderson (2-1), S—Corley (4).

Tops fall to USA at Denes Field, 12-8

By DARYLL S. CROUCH
Daily News Sports Writer

Going in to the April Fool's Day baseball tussle with South Alabama, Western's players and coaching staff agreed the only missing link to success was more production at the plate.

The Hilltoppers' bats came out firing, but nearly everything else fell apart, and the cruel joke was on Western on Sunday in a 12-8 marathon-loss that dragged on for nearly four hours.

The loss dropped Western (15-16) to third place in the four-team Sun Belt Conference Western Division with a 2-4 record. The top three teams at the end of the triple round robin season qualify for the playoffs. USA (21-9) took sole possession of second place and stands at 4-2.

Western came into Sunday's game with the worst batting average in the Western Division at .257, and things really looked bleak for the Hilltoppers when Jay Gainer's sacrifice scored Robby Robertson to give the Jaguars a 6-0 lead in the top of the second inning.

But Western kept battling. A John Keck solo homer in the bottom of the second, followed by an RBI double by Doug Darnall and an RBI single by Tommy Burrough in the third inning, cut the deficit to 6-4.

Western starting pitcher Heath Haynes got out of a bases-loaded jam in the fourth inning, and Chris Turner and Jonathan Canillo turned in an RBI apiece in the bottom of the fourth to tie it up at 6-6.

"We had some good offensive production," Western coach Joel Murrie said. "We had the game in

our hands and had an opportunity to take control of the game after we tied it up, but we couldn't get it done. It was a ragged game. Neither team played very well.

"But it showed you're never out of it if you keep going after it, and at least we did that."

The April Fool's joke featured 13 hits from the Jaguars and 13 hits from Western. The game also featured seven errors.

It was a game even winning pitcher Shane Hale would probably like to forget. Hale came in to the game with a team-leading 1.6 ERA. Hale went six and a half innings Sunday and finished with three strikeouts, gave up four walks, allowed eight hits and yielded six earned runs.

Haynes (2-2) went four and one third innings and took the loss.

The Jaguars took control for good in the fifth inning when Tyrone Dixon scored on a sacrifice from catcher Corey Rodriguez. A three-run double by Keith Murray helped USA build an 11-6 lead in the sixth.

USA coach Steve Kittrell likes his team's chances in the Sun Belt race. "We've got a pretty good road team," he said. "We haven't lost a series to any team yet this season. If we settle down defensively, we can be a pretty tough team to beat.

"The impressive thing about (Sunday) was our ability to bounce back. I took our kids aside after they caught up and told them we had a brand new game. What the players did today was earn two big leads."

And one big win.

South Alabama 830 014 100-12 13 3
Western 013 200 010-7 13 4
WP-Hale, LP-Haynes, 8-Angelo.

Baseball
At Nashville, Tenn.
 Western Ky. . . 102 000 400 2-9 12 1
 Vanderbilt . . . 010 030 030 6-7 10 2
 Brian Walsh, Eric Hughes (6), Keith Har-
 gis (8), Neil Corley (8), Chris Turner (9) and
 Doug Darnall, Lance Daniels (10), Scott
 Newell, Chip Fridrich (5), Willy Daunic (7),
 Mark Weirciszewski (10) and Mickey Eli-
 son, Jeff Martin (10). W — Corley (2-2). L
 — Daunic (0-1). 2B — Johnathan Camilo
 (WKU) 3, Jim Schiffman (V), Ellison (V). HR
 — Mark Kruchten (V). Records — Western
 Kentucky 16-16, Vanderbilt 12-15.
 C.J. 4-4-90

4-4-90
WKU rallies to defeat Vandy in 10th
 NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Western Kentucky University's baseball team rallied in the top of the 10th inning to defeat Vanderbilt on Tues-
 day in Nashville.
 The game was tied 7-7 in the bottom of the ninth when Commodore rightfielder Jim Schiffman opened the inning with a double. One out and two intentional passes later, reliever Neil Corley (2-2) came in and struck out two batters to end the inning.
 In the top of the 10th inning, second baseman Wilfred Brown walked, stole second, and scored on a throwing error by Vandy. Jonathan Camilo then sacrifice bunted Chris Turner in for the game's final run. Camilo was 4 for 5, raising his average to .388. He also had three doubles.
 Western, who will face Kentucky at 3 p.m. today at Denes Field, raised its record to 16-16. Vandy fell to 12-15.

C.J. 4-5-90
At Bowling Green
 Kentucky . . . 001 001 000 2-4 2
 Western Kentucky . . . 000 001 000 1-3 0
 Luebbers, M. Thompson (4), Frazier (5),
 Fisher (7), Bolton (9) and Thompson, Cor-
 rad (5); Edenfield, Marr (6), Corley (7) and
 Darnall. WP — Luebbers (3-3). LP —
 Edenfield (4-5). 2B — Brandy Wilson (K),
 Jonathon Camilo (W), Doug Darnall (W).
 Records — Kentucky 18-9, Western 16-17.

At Cookeville, Tenn.
 Western . . . 000 023 000 5-5 2
 Tennessee Tech . . . 014 001 00x 8-9 3
 Heath Haynes, John Markham (5), Jason
 Crandell (8) and Richard Greenwell and
 Lance Daniels (8), Chris West, J.C. Swaf-
 ford (6), Philip Wilbourn (6), Don Maness
 (7) and Scott Hampton. W — Don Maness
 (7). L — Markham (0-2). 2B — Mario Baker
 (W), Jeff Livender (TT). Bo Spears (TT).
 Bobby Roberts (TT). HR — Hampton (TT).
 Records — Western 16-16, Tennessee
 Tech 18-11. C.J. 4-6-90

C.J. 4-8-90
At Bowling Green
 Ala.-Birmingham . . . 304 215 0-15 16 1
 Western Kentucky . . . 000 000 0-0 3 4
 Moore and Brophy, Edenfield, Hargis (3),
 Walsh (4) and Darnall, Daniels (5). W —
 Moore (7-1). L — Edenfield (4-5). 2B —
 Turner (WKU), Worley (WKU), Hatch (UAB).
 HR — Brophy 2 (UAB), Tremmel (UAB),
 Orr (UAB).
 Ala.-Birmingham . . . 002 000 1-3 7 0
 Western Kentucky . . . 000 000 0-0 4 2
 Thomas and Brophy, Marr, Corley (7)
 and Darnall. W — Thomas (7-3). L — Marr
 (4-2). 2B — Metheny (UAB), Brophy (UAB).

Toppers avoid a sweep with 4-2 win
 Junior Chris Turner's eighth-inning sacrifice fly and a base-running error by Alabama Birmingham keyed Western Kentucky to a 4-2 Sun Belt Conference West Division win Sunday at Denes Field.
 Turner's pop to center scored Scott Fitzpatrick to put Western up 3-2. Brian Dillard later scored on a balk to provide the final margin.
 UAB's base-running mistake also came on a sacrifice fly. Runner Rene Romo was called out after a Western appeal for leaving third base too early on Kristin Metheny's pop to deep center. The double play ended UAB's atbat in the seventh inning.
 Keith Hargis (3-0) recorded the victory for the Hilltoppers while Jeff Gregg took the loss to fall to 1-1.
 Western, which lost 15-0 and 3-0 to UAB in a Saturday doubleheader, rose to 17-20 overall and 3-6 in the West. UAB fell to 19-13 and 6-3.
 Western's next game is at Middle Tennessee at 7:30 p.m. on Tues-
 day.
 D.A. 4-9-90

C.J. 4-9-90
At Birmingham
 Ala.-Birmingham . . . 000 002 000 2-8 1
 Western Kentucky . . . 200 000 02x 4-5 8
 Jim Mercie, Jeff Gregg (4), Rich Daniel
 (5) and E.J. Brophy, Heath Haynes, Neil
 Corley (7), Keith Hargis (8) and Doug Dar-
 nall. W — Hargis (3-0). L — Gregg (1-1).
 2B — Kevin Greene (UAB). 3B — Scott
 Hatch (UAB). Records — Alabama-Bir-
 mingham 19-13, 6-3 in the Sun Belt, West-
 ern Kentucky 17-20, 3-6.

UK pitching turns back Toppers

A Daily News report 4-5-9 C

Western Kentucky University's baseball team had good pitching on Wednesday, but so did the Kentucky Wildcats.

In a game with only seven hits — four by UK and three by Western — it took two sacrifice flies for the Wildcats (19-9) to get any runs across the plate. But that was enough as Western dropped to 16-17 after the 2-1 loss to UK at Nick Denes Field.

The third inning was the key for Kentucky. Three singles by the Wildcats in the third inning loaded the bases. Centerfielder Anthony Morrow lifted a sacrifice fly to center, scoring leftfielder Blake Feeney.

But Western pitcher Ken Edenfield worked out of the third-inning jam without allowing another Wildcat runner to cross home plate.

UK scored again in the sixth inning. Brandy Wilson hit a ground-rule double. A wild pitch by Western pitcher Steve Marr moved Wilson to third, who scored on a sacrifice fly by Rick Nort n.

In the bottom of the sixth, Chris Turner walked. One out later, Doug Darnall and Jonathan Camillo hit consecutive doubles with Camillo scoring Western's only run of the contest.

Edenfield (4-5), who went five innings and gave up three hits, gave way to Marr in the sixth. Neil Corley finished up for Western, pitching



Staff Photo by LaMar Weaver
WESTERN LEFTFIELDER Mario Baker (right) Wednesday against the University of Kentucky at comes up a little short in his slide into second base on Nick Denes Field. UK defeated the Hilltoppers 2-1.

the last two innings without giving up a hit or a run. Edenfield was tagged with the loss.

Larry Luebbers (3-3), one of five UK pitchers to see action on Wednesday, picked up the win for Kentucky. Rod Bolton came into the game in the bottom of the ninth to

record his second save of the season. Kentucky stranded seven runners in the game compared to five for Western.

The Wildcats face Vanderbilt in a key Southeastern Conference series this weekend. The Hilltoppers are looking at an important series with

Kentucky 001 001 000-2 4 2
Western 000 001 000-1 3 0
E-UK (Wilson, Rhoman); DP-UK; LOB-WKU 6,
UK 7; 2B-Western (Camillo, Darnall); SB-UK (Mor-
row); Western (Baker); S-UK (Feeney); SF-UK
(Norton, Morrow); WP-Luebbers (3-3); LP-Edenfield
(4-5); Save-Bolton (2); At-350.

Murrie puzzled with WKU's offense

By ANDY DENNIS 4-6-92
Daily News Sports Writer

If Western Kentucky baseball coach Joel Murrie were to sit down to work a "this-has-been-the-season-so-far" puzzle, he probably would have a puzzled look on his face.

The confusion would be in the frustration of finding a few pieces.

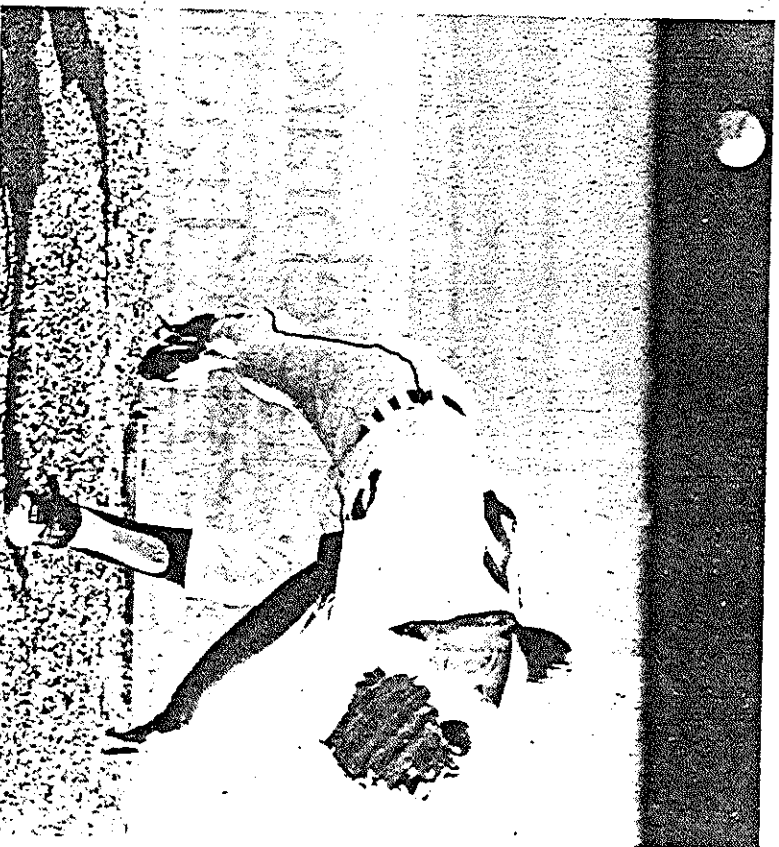
The majority of the missing pieces would represent a consistent offense, which Western hasn't had. Going into this weekend's series with Sun Belt Conference West Division foe University of Alabama Birmingham, Murrie will be looking for the answers to the puzzle.

"We've been struggling offensively and have shown signs of coming out of it," Murrie said. "But I can't remember a time this season where we've had three straight hits. I'm sure we have, but we just haven't had that consistency. If you're going to be successful you've got to score runs."

For the Hiltoppers (16-18 overall, 2-4 in the SBC West), who dropped a 6-5 decision on Thursday at Tennessee Tech, the defense has been solid. As a team, Western is fielding at a .956 clip.

Pitching has been strong. The team's earned run average is at 3.90, which for a college team is "well above average," Murrie said.

The big hitters include Jonathan Camillo (.371), Doug Darnall (.283), who leads the club with five home runs and 21 RBIs, and Paul Jackson (20 RBIs). John Keck (.271) has



Staff Photo by LaMar Weaver

WESTERN PITCHER Steve Marr, shown here against Kentucky on Wednesday, will try to help Western in this weekend's series against Alabama Birmingham.

provided occasional power with two homers and 10 RBIs.

As a team, Western is batting at a season low .254. The opposition is batting .255. "Keck has been consistent," Murrie said. "Third baseman Chris Turner (.240) has been off lately. We just haven't had six or seven guys hitting con-

sistently in the lineup."

Ken Edenfield (4-5), Heath Haynes (2-2), Eric Hughes (0-1), Steve Marr (4-1), and Jeff Ledogar (1-2) have been strong for Western on the mound. Edenfield leads the club in strikeouts with 59 and in pitching with an ERA of 1.94. Haynes had pitched 14 con-

secutive shutout innings before South Alabama erupted for three runs in the first inning of Western's 12-9 loss Saturday at Denes Field.

Even though the season is more than half over, the series with UAB is crucial. "It's a big series and probably the most important of the year," Murrie said. "A sweep would be outstanding and would put us at .500 and in second place."

The Blazers (17-10 overall, 4-2 in the Sun Belt West) appear to be somewhat of a role model for Western. UAB will bring strong pitching to Denes Field beginning at noon Saturday for a doubleheader. UAB has consistently been getting key hits. "They've been getting outstanding pitching and they've also been getting timely hitting," Murrie said. "I'm not surprised at all they are 4-2 right now."

South Alabama and UAB are 4-2 in the West. Western and South Florida are at 2-4.

Tennessee Tech 6, Western 5

Western fell behind 5-0 to Tennessee Tech on Thursday in Cookeville, Tenn., and couldn't overcome the deficit, losing 6-5.

"We just gave up a little too much early and couldn't get over the hump," Murrie said.

John Markham (0-2) took the loss for the Western. Tennessee Tech (18-11) pitcher Phillip Wilbourn (1-0) got the win.

Western
Tenn. Tech
WP—Phillip Wilbourn (1)
(0-2). Save—Don Meneses (1)
HR—Scott Hampton (2).

15th

UAB crushes Western in a doubleheader

By JOE MEDLEY
Daily News Sports Editor

4-8-80
It had quite the ring, or maybe a clank, of irony.

On one side of Saturday's doubleheader between Western Kentucky and Alabama Birmingham was a baseball team swinging its bats freely and often. On the other side was a team searching for offense.

UAB won 15-0 and 3-0 at Dens Field. Figure it out.

The irony was that Western has been struggling at the plate all season. Seven hits and no runs in a doubleheader only drove home the point, so to speak.

"This is a good ballclub," Western coach Joel Murrie said, about the Hilltoppers. "We've got ten great pitchers and defense all year, but we're just not scoring runs."

"I think part of it is mental. We're pressing so hard because we have to have a low scoring game to begin with, and then the guys are going to the plate knowing they have to do something all of the time."

UAB pitchers Aaron Moore and Steve Thomas made it hard to do anything in picking up complete game victories. In the first game, Moore allowed only three hits and the Blazers gave him a 7-0 cushion after three innings. Thomas had a perfect second game until Scott Fitzpatrick slashed a single up the middle in the sixth inning.

Western loaded the bases in the seventh on Tommy Burrough's pinch hit single, a single by Jonathan Canillo and an infield hit from Doug Darnall. But Paul Jackson and Mario Baker both flied out to end the game.

The losses dropped Western back to 16-20 overall and 2-6 in the West Division. UAB is 19-12 and 6-2. The teams will meet for the final

game of the three-game series today at 1 p.m. on WBGH-AM.

For UAB, Saturday's wins were sweet.

"We've never won two games up here in my career at UAB," Thomas said.

"We've been swept up here several times," UAB coach Pete Rancourt said. "Here we are in a position to sweep them. We have to feel good about that."

As they did in the first game, the Blazers jumped on Western early in the second. UAB got an RBI single from Scott Hatch to score Kristin Melheny, and E.J. Brophy's double to the center-field wall scored Hatch to make it 2-0 in the third inning.

The final run came in the top of the seventh when Keene Newberry singled, moved to second on an error by Western pitcher Steve Marr and scored on Melheny's single off Western reliever Neil Corley.

The loss spoiled a fine performance by Marr (4-2), who scattered six hits and fanned four batters with one walk in six-plus innings.

"I had a good game except for that one inning (the third)," Marr said. "We've just got to start getting some hits."

Thomas (7-3), an imposing 6-foot-3, 240-pound fast-baller, hurled three strikeouts and no walks. He wasn't disappointed after losing his perfect game.

"I didn't really expect to have a perfect game against this team," he said. "It was in the back of my mind, but it's not something I thought about that much."

The early innings of the first game set the tone. UAB scored three runs in the first inning and never let up, slashing 16 hits, including four home runs. The big blow was Brad Orr's grand-slam home run off Western reliever Brian Walsh in the

sixth inning.

UAB scored four runs in the third, two in the fourth, one in the fifth and five in the sixth.

"It seemed like we just went up there and started hitting, and then we just took off," Rancourt said. "You could sense it in the dugout. Everyone wanted to hit."

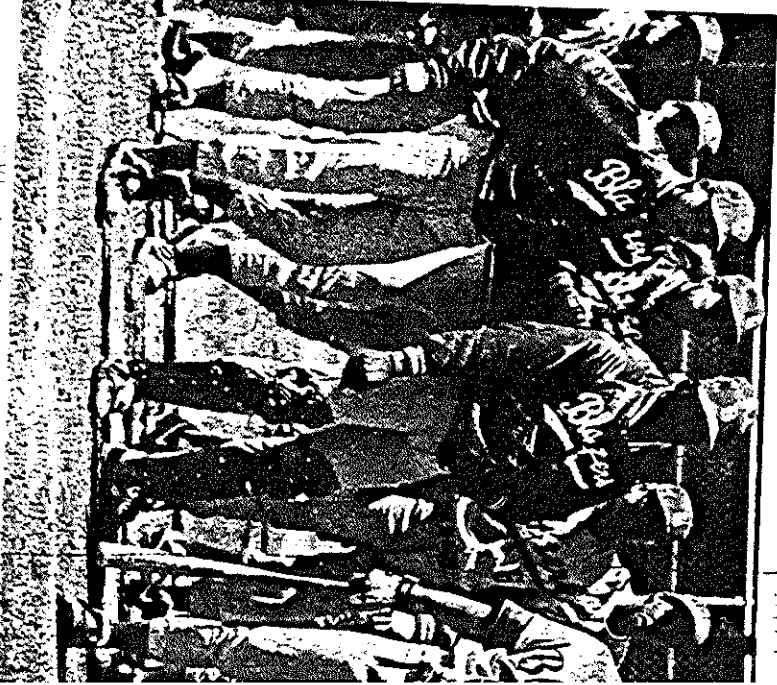
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"We're being tentative. We're not going after the pitches," he said. "We've got to start swinging the bats, and we have to go into (today's) game with the attitude that we must win."

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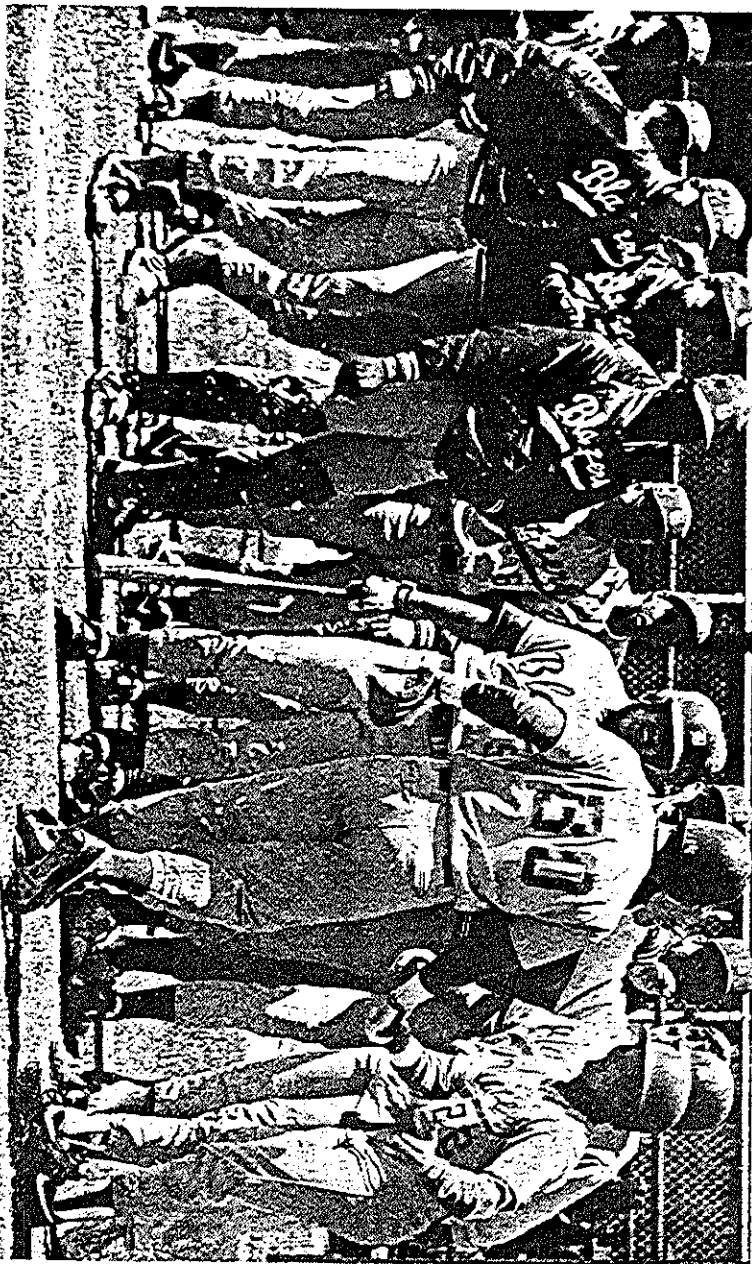
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UNIVERSITY OF Alabama-Birmingham sophomore E.J. Brophy (30) gets congratulations from his teammates Saturday after blasting one of his two home runs against Western at Denes Field. The Blazers swept a doubleheader from the Hilltoppers. Staff Photo by Lamar Weaver

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Ledogar pitches Western past Middle

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — Jeff Ledogar pitched six shutout innings against Middle Tennessee on Tuesday and the Hilltoppers went on to hand the Raiders their first home loss of the season.

Middle Tennessee (21-8) hadn't lost in nine games on its home field before Tuesday's loss to Western.

Western opened its scoring in the first inning as Brad Worley singled. Jonathan Camilo then smacked a double, moving Worley to third. Worley scored on Doug Damall's ground ball to shortstop to give Western a 1-0 lead.

Camilo then scored on Chris Turner's single to left field.

Western (18-20) added three runs in the sixth. Scott Fitzpatrick scored on a Camilo ground out. Worley stole home on a double steal. Damall scored on a wild pitch.

Jason Crandall and Neil Corley finished up the game on the mound for Western, who will play Austin Peay at 3 p.m. today at Denes Field.

Baseball

At Bowling Green, Ky.

Austin Peay ... 200 000 003—5 10 0
Western Ky. ... 103 010 32x—10 10 2
Tim Fox, Bill Kooman (5), Jamie Walker (7), Tim Minik (8) and Ken Hatfield. Ken Edenfield, Steve Marr (4), Eric Hughes (7), Chris Turner (9) and Richard Greenwall. W — Edenfield (5-6). L — Fox (2-1). 2B — Doug Damall (WKU), Paul Jackson (WKU). Tony Kestranec (AP), Chris Polk (AP). HR — Brad Worley (WKU). Records — Austin Peay 19-14, Western Kentucky 19-20.

Tuesday at Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Western Ky. 200 003 000—5 7 1
Middle Tennessee 000 000 010—1 4 2
Jeff Ledogar, Jason Crandall (7), Neil Corley (8) and Lance Daniels. Steve Bene- field, Jeff Shetton (8) and Cale Lawson. W — Ledogar (2-2). L — Beneheid (1-2). 2B — Jonathan Camilo (WKU). Records — Western Kentucky 18-20, Middle Tennes- see 21-8.

Toppers bang out 10 hits, beat APSU

Western Kentucky University's baseball team found its offense on Wednesday against Austin Peay at Denes Field.

The Hilltoppers (19-20) had been struggling from the plate, but banged out 10 hits and defeated the Governors 10-5 behind Doug Darnall's three runs batted in.

Western had a 10-2 lead after eight innings. Austin Peay scored three runs in the top of the ninth, but Chris Turner, the starting third baseman, came in and got the final three outs.

Brad Worley had a homer for the Toppers. Starting pitcher Ken Edenfield (5-6) went the first three innings and got the win. Steve Marr came into the game in the fourth inning and pitched three scoreless innings.

Tim Fox (2-1) was the losing pitcher for Austin Peay (19-14). ^{D.N.} 4-15-96

Fithian's first two hits key WKU win

Freshman infielder Jason Fithian couldn't have picked a better time to get his first two hits as a Western Kentucky baseball player.

Western's baseball team evened its record at 20-20 Thursday with a 6-5 win over Tennessee Tech at Denes Field as Fithian drove in two runs with his first two collegiate hits and keyed a game-ending double play.

Fithian, a graduate of Oldham County High School, singled in the second inning to score John Keck to make it 2-0, Western.

In the seventh, Fithian had a run-scoring single and scored after Jonathan Camilo lashed a two-run double to give Western a 5-1 lead.

Tennessee Tech, down 6-1, rallied in the top of the ninth inning. The Golden Eagles loaded the bases for designated hitter Matt Ballard, who crunched a grand slam bringing Tennessee Tech to within 6-5.

But Fithian made a diving stop of a line drive hit by Johnny Orr. Fithian threw to first to double up Scott Hampton, who had singled, to end the Golden Eagles' threat.

Heath Haynes (3-2) picked up the win. Don Maness (2-2) was the losing pitcher.

Western will travel to Birmingham, Ala., this weekend for a three-game series with the University of Alabama-Birmingham. A doubleheader is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday with a single game at 1 p.m. Sunday.

D N 4-13-90

Sports beat

Hilltoppers gain fifth straight win, 2-0

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Western Kentucky's baseball team is on a roll.

On Saturday, the Hilltoppers picked up their fifth straight win, 2-0, over Sun Belt Conference West Division foe Alabama-Birmingham in the first game of a scheduled doubleheader. The second game was suspended because of darkness with Western up 4-0 in the third inning and will be finished today.

The Hilltoppers are 21-20, above .500 for the first time since February of 1989. The five-game winning streak is the longest since the Hilltoppers won 10 straight in 1988.

Ken Edenfield got Saturday's shutout, striking out five batters. He worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the fourth inning by fanning Brad Orr.

Western's winning run came after Scott Fitzpatrick walked, stole second base and scored on Doug Darnall's first-inning single.

Western added a run in the fifth inning on Brad Worley's solo home run.

In the second game, Steve Marr was on the mound, and the big blow was Darnall's two-run single in the third inning.

Western and UAB will finish Saturday's suspended game starting at noon today, with the final game of the three-game series to follow.

UAB is 21-14 overall and 6-4 in conference play. Western is 4-6 in the league.

D N 4-15-90

WKU loses final game of critical series

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Western Kentucky University's baseball team took two of three games from the University of Alabama-Birmingham during the weekend, but dropped the series' final game on Sunday.

The Blazers (22-15 overall, 7-5 in Sun Belt West) managed a one-run victory to salvage the final game of the crucial Sun Belt Conference-West battle.

Western (22-21, 5-7) is tied for fourth place with South Florida. Three of the top four teams in the SBC West qualify for the conference tournament.

The Toppers had an 8-2 lead in the bottom of the fifth inning as Brad Worley hit a two-run single. Western's John Keck had a three-run home run in the rally.

But the Blazers scored four runs in the bottom of the fifth. In the sixth inning, UAB's Kevin Greene singled in two runs to give the Blazers the victory.

In a completion of Saturday's game that was suspended, Western held on for a 5-2 win behind the pitching of Steve Marr (5-2) and Keith Hargis. Hargis picked up his third save. *DN 4-16-90*

At Birmingham, Ala. 4-15-90	
Western Ky.	100 010 0—2 8 0
Ala.-Birmingham ...	000 000 0—0 4 0
Ken Edentfield and Doug Darnall. Aaron Moore, Jim Merola (7) and E.J. Brophy. W — Edentfield (6-6). L — Moore (8-2). 2B — Paul Jackson (WKU). HR — Brad Worley (WKU). Records — Western Kentucky 21-20 (4-6 Sun Belt), Alabama-Birmingham 21-14 (1-4).	
At Birmingham, Ala. 4-16-90	
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Heath Haynes, Jeff Ledogar (5), Neil Corley (6) and Lance Daniels. Ronnie Tucker, Jeff Gregg (5), Rich Daniel (8) and Brophy. W — Gregg (2-1). L — Ledogar (2-3). 2B — Scott Hatch (UAB). Stuart Thompson (UAB). Darnall (WKU). 3B — Kevin Graine (UAB). HR — Keck (WKU).	

Six double plays hurt Western in defeat

By ANDY DENNIS 4-19-76
Daily News Sports Writer

Western Kentucky's baseball team was the victim of a fatal attraction in the regularly scheduled game against Middle Tennessee on Wednesday at Denes Field.

The attraction was between Western grounders and the Raiders' infield. The result? Six double plays — a Middle Tennessee record — which led to the fatality, or the 8-4 Western loss to the Raiders.

"We hit the ball hard," said Western coach Joel Murrie. "It's always tough to beat Middle Tennessee, especially if you ground into six double plays."

The Hilltoppers, in a completion of a suspended game from March 1, beat the Raiders prior to the regularly scheduled game, 8-7, in 10 innings.

In the bottom of the 10th inning, Chris Turner walked. Doug Darnall was hit by a pitch, and Jonathan Camilo bunted his way to first, although Turner was out at third.

Pinch hitter John Marcum walked, then Paul Jackson hit a grounder to deep second that scored the winning run from second base as Middle, ironically, failed to complete a twin killing.

But the second game was filled with bad luck for Western. Each team scored a pair of runs in the first inning. Western came back in the second with two more runs to lead 4-2 before, you guessed it, grounding into a double play to end the inning.

The bat of Middle third baseman Dwight Robinson took over from that point. Robinson hit a wind-blown, two-run home run to right field in the top of the fifth inning to give the Raiders a 5-4 lead.

Robinson crunched a screaming line drive over the right field wall in the top of the ninth to give Middle an 8-4 win.

Western, in its ninth inning, grounded into a game-ending double play to quell any hopes for a rally.

Shortstop Brad Worley was 3 for 4 in the second game. First baseman Jonathan Camilo was 2 for 5 and Scott Fitzpatrick was 2 for 4.

Steve Marr (5-3), who started for Western (23-22 overall, 5-7 in the Sun Belt West Division) on the mound, was tagged with the loss. Gary Raffo (3-0) was the winner for Middle (28-9 overall, 8-0 in the Ohio Valley Conference).

Western will play the University of Kentucky at 7 tonight in Lexington.

Completion of March 1 game
Middle Tennessee 113 010 010 0-7 9 1
Western Kentucky 112 101 001 1-8 12 0
WP — Eric Hughes (1-1), LP — Bill Hutsell (0-3).

Wednesday's game
Middle Tennessee 200 121 101-8 9 3
Western Kentucky 220 000 000-4 9 3
WP — Gary Raffo (3-0), LP — Steve Marr (5-3).

Baseball				4-19-76	
At Bowling Green, Ky.					
Middle Tenn.	113	010 010	0-7	9 1	
Western	112	101 001	1-8	12 0	
Tom Wegmann, Jamie Birkhofer (4), Rob Angell (6), Bill Hutsell (10) and Jay Owens. Jason Crandell, Jeff Ledogar (4), Keith Hargis (6), Eric Hughes (10) and Doug Darnell, Lance Daniels (7), Richard Greenwell (10). W — Hughes (1-1), L — Hutsell (1-3). 2B — Brad Worley (W), John Keck (W), Greenwell (W), Darius Gash (MX2), Corey Watkins (M). 3B — Scott Fitzpatrick (W). HR — Owens (MX2), Dwight Robinson (M).					
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Western	220	000 000	-4	9 3	
Gary Raffo, Jamie Birkhofer (6), Scott Morgan (8) and Owens. Steve Marr, Ledogar (5), Brian Walsh (7) and Greenwell. W — Raffo (3-0), L — Marr (5-3). 2B — Robinson (M), Owens (M), Gash (M), Darryl Steakley (M). HR — Robinson (M), Records — Middle Tennessee 28-9, Western 23-22.					
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Kentucky	000	100 000	-1	5 0	
Haynes, Edenfield (7) and Daniels. Adams, M. Thompson (2), Smith (6), Zongor (8) and B. Thompson. W — Haynes (4-2), L — M. Thompson (1-1). 2B — 2 Turner (W). 3B — Worley (W). Records — Western 24-22, Kentucky 21-18. C.J. 4-22-76.					

WKU bounces back to defeat Kentucky

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Western Kentucky University's baseball team survived the double play Thursday against the Kentucky Wildcats.

After hitting into six double plays in a loss to Middle Tennessee on Wednesday, the Toppers were the victims of three more twin killings during the first three innings, which ran the streak to seven straight innings Western had hit into a double play.

But third baseman Chris Turner hit three doubles and starting pitcher Heath Haynes shut down the Wildcats for six innings as the Toppers won 5-1.

Ken Edenfield pitched the last three innings and picked up his second save.

Western (24-22) scored twice in the third as Turner drove in Brad Worley with a double. Worley had tripled to score Scott Fitzpatrick to open the Toppers' scoring in the inning.

Western added two runs in the ninth as Kentucky dropped to 21-16.

Toppers battle back, beat Gavs 12-10

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. — Western Kentucky is starting to find its power in the bottom of the batting order, and that new-found power has helped the Hilltoppers surge to victories in nine of their last 11 games.

Western got 11 of its 12 runs from the fifth spot in the batting order or lower here in Monday's 12-10 win over Austin Peay.

Western raised its record to 25-22, and Austin Peay fell to 25-17.

Clint Loewenstine got Western off and running with his third-inning two-run homer that put the Hilltoppers up 5-2. Austin Peay answered for four runs in the fourth, however.

Wilfred Brown, the ninth man in Western's hitting rotation, kept the Hilltoppers alive with a fourth-inning solo home run. Brown finished the afternoon with a 3 for 5, three-RBI hitting performance. Brown also scored three runs.

Jonathan Camilo went 5 for 6 with two singles and two doubles, and he capped Western's scoring with his solo home run in the ninth inning.

Tommy Burrough put Western up for good in the eighth inning with his two-run single down the left-field line that scored Paul Jackson and Chris Turner.

The Hilltoppers were to play host to Evansville today at 3 p.m.

Baseball C.J. 4-24-90

Western	023	100	321	12	17	3
Austin Peay	101	401	300	10	16	3

Marr, Hughes (4), Hargis (6), Corley (7) and Darnall, Block, Cash (3), Minik (8) and Hatfield, W — Corley (3-2), L — Cash (4-8). 2B — Camilo 2 (W), Coates (AP), Kes-tranek (AP), Hatfield (AP), Thomas (AP), HR — Camilo (W), Loewenstine (W), Brown (W), Hatfield (AP). Records — Western 25-22, Austin Peay 25-17.

SEC STANDINGS

Baseball

At Bowling Green, Ky.

Evansville	000	100	010	2	9	5
Western Kentucky	000	005	03x	8	9	0

Brian Gibson, Greg Spalding (6), Chris Goedde (7) and Sai Sasano, Ken Edenfield and Doug Darnall, Lance Daniels (9), w — Edenfield (7-6), L — Gibson (0-5), 2B — Jeff Breivogel (E), Scott Fitzpatrick (W), 3B — Fitzpatrick (W), Jonathon Camilo (W). Records — Western Kentucky 25-22, Evansville 19-19. C.J. 4-25-90

Red-hot Toppers blast Evansville, 8-2

Western Kentucky University's baseball team sailed by the University of Evansville 8-2 on Tuesday for its 10th win in its last 12 games.

Scott Fitzpatrick doubled, tripled, and drove in a run for the Toppers (26-22) and Ken Edenfield (7-6) pitched a complete game.

Evansville (19-19) led 1-0 going into the sixth inning behind the pitching of Brian Gibson. But in the bottom of the sixth, Western's hitters began to figure out Gibson (0-5).

Western sent 10 batters to the plate in the decisive sixth inning and scored five runs. Big hits in the inning included triples by Fitzpatrick and Jonathan Camillo.

The Hilltoppers scored three unearned runs in the eighth for the game's final margin. Six Western players drove in one run apiece. Edenfield scattered nine hits and struck out five batters while issuing one walk.

Evansville and Western will square off again at 7 tonight in Evansville.

D N. 4-25-90

Camilo toting Tops' hottest bat as key USF series looms

By ANDY DENNIS 4-27-80
Daily News Sports Writer

Jonathan Camilo sat quietly in the dugout after a loss and reflected on two things he hated most in baseball — losing, and losing in cold weather.

Making adjustments has become a way of life for the soft-spoken Camilo. The first baseman on the Western Kentucky University baseball team, Camilo came from far away to practice his favorite sport, which could easily be called the national pastime of his homeland — the Dominican Republic.

From the time he was 6 or 7 years old, Camilo played baseball. "That's about the only thing I did (when growing up)," Camilo said. "It's very popular there."

The Dominican Republic, with its year-round warm climate, has produced many major league baseball stars and, luckily for Western, Camilo chose to come to the Hill after junior college in Florida.

But it took more adjustment just to play in cold weather on the fields in the United States, Camilo said. "It's hard for me to get used to playing when it's 30 or 40 degrees."

That portion of the season appears to be over. Hot weather is here and Camilo continues to adjust and to lead the Hilltoppers.

A native of Santo Domingo, Camilo leads Western with a .359 batting average — nearly 30 points higher than any other Western player. Camilo has changed his style of hitting. "I'm more of a line-drive type hitter now," he said.

"I find joy from when I hit .360 or .370 other than .300. I can sacrifice home runs and RBI."

Camilo has hit four home runs

and driven in 29 runs. Those statistics are second on the team behind catcher Doug Damall's numbers (five home runs, 32 RBI).

Hot-hitting has been one of the keys to Western's surge of late. The Hilltoppers (26-23) have won 10 of their last 13 games going into a key Sun Belt Conference, West Division series with South Florida this weekend in Tampa.

The top three teams in each division of the SBC (East and West) earns a trip to the post-season conference tournament. Western and South Florida, both 5-7 in the conference, are battling for the third-place position.

The University of Alabama-Birmingham and South Alabama are tied for first at 7-5.

Hitting and pitching performances have come together in the last 12 games for Western, which is something Hilltopper coach Joel Murrie was looking for in his team's outings. Camilo has been a force in the lineup.

Several years ago, Camilo might not have understood much of anything his coach was telling him. "For a man that just a few years ago could hardly speak English, he's done very well. His parents should be really proud of him."

"He's just an outstanding young man who's been very productive for us in his two years here."

Camilo has helped his players on the field in return. This weekend could determine Western's post-season fate.

Luckily for Camilo, the crucial series is in sunny Tampa.

Evansville turns tables on Tops, 19-7

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Having won 10 of its last 12 games, Western Kentucky's baseball team ran into a little karma against the Evansville Aces on Wednesday.

Evansville, a team Western beat 8-2 Tuesday at Denes Field, banged out 20 hits in crunching the Toppers 19-7.

The Aces trailed 4-1 going into the third inning. But 14 players went to bat in the crucial third as the Aces smacked 10 hits and scored nine runs to take a 10-4 lead.

Jeff Breivogel led off the third with a home run against starter Heath Haynes (4-3). Jeff Ledogar came in in relief as did Keith Hargis.

Evansville made life even more miserable for Western in the seventh inning as centerfielder Doug Baylif blasted a grand slam homer off of Western's Neil Corley. The Aces added four more runs in the bottom of the eight to put the game out of reach.

The Toppers' Tommy Burroughs drove in three runs on two hits for Western, who will face South Florida on Saturday in Tampa for a crucial Sun Belt-West Conference matchup. *D N. 4-29-90*

Western splits doubleheader with USF

TAMPA, Fla. — Western's baseball team split an important doubleheader with rival South Florida here Saturday. *D N. 4-29-90*

The Hilltoppers lost the first game as the Bulls Mark Hubbard pitched a three-hitter. The Bulls led 4-0 going into the sixth inning when the Hilltoppers mounted a rally.

Wilfred Brown opened things up with a single, followed by walks to Doug Damall and Brad Worley. With the bases loaded, South Florida's Bob Undorf came in and walked Chris Turner and Paul Jackson, scoring two runs. Tommy Burrough grounded out to second to end the inning.

Ken Edenfield (7-7), who struck out his 84th batter of the season to surpass the single-season Western strikeout record, took the loss. Edenfield broke his own record of 83 strikeouts he set in 1989.

Western bounced back to take the second game, 6-2, behind the pitching of Steve Marr (6-3).

In the sixth inning with the score tied 2-2, Western reeled off six singles and scored three runs to take 5-2 lead. Worley was credited with the game-winning RBI with his single.

Western's 17 hits marked the highest game-total it's had this season.

The two teams were to play the last game of the series at noon today. Western (27-24 overall, 6-8 in the Sun Belt-West Division) is tied with the Bulls (33-17, 6-8) in the race for the third slot for the conference tournament. *C-J*

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Heath Haynes, Neil Corley (7). Ken Edenfield and Doug Damall, Mark Reed, Bryan Manicchia (7). Winston Wheeler (8) and Troy Rusk, W — Corley (4-2). L — Manicchia (0-1). 2B — Alex Moreno (SF). 3B — Joe Lis (SF). HR — Moreno (SF). Records — Western Kentucky 28-24 (7-8 Sun Belt). South Florida 33-18 (6-9).	

At Tampa, Fla.	
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S. Florida	000 220 x-4 6 0
Ken Edenfield and Doug Damall, Mark Hubbard, Bob Undorf (6) and Troy Rusk, W — Hubbard (6-3). L — Edenfield (7-7). 2B — Alex Moreno (SF). Scott Fitzpatrick (WKU).	
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S. Florida	101 000 0-2 5 0
Steve Marr, Keith Hargis (7) and Damall, David Hutcheson, Winston Wheeler (4). Chris Smith (6) and Rusk, W — Marr (6-3). L — Wheeler (5-4). 2B — Brad Worley (WKU). Richard Greenwell (WKU). 3B — Worley (WKU). Records — Western 27-24 (6-8 Sun Belt). South Florida 33-17 (6-8).	

WKU beats S. Florida, takes 3rd place

TAMPA, Fla. — Scott Fitzpatrick's eighth-inning bloop single here Sunday may have turned out to be a season saver for Western Kentucky's baseball team.

Fitzpatrick's shot to center scored Brian Dillard and led to an RBI single by Brad Worley that scored Wilford Brown for the critical run in WKU's 4-3 win. More importantly, it lifted the Hilltoppers (28-24) to sole possession of third place in the Sun Belt Conference West Division.

The top three teams will advance to the Sun Belt tournament, which will be held at the site of the West winner May 16-19. South Alabama leads the West at 9-6. Alabama-Birmingham is in second at 8-7. Western stands at 6-9.

South Florida, which was tied for third with the Hilltoppers going into Sunday's game, led 2-1 in the seventh when Fitzpatrick crossed the plate to tie after USF shortstop Paul Roberts was charged with an error on a Doug Darnall ground ball.

USF's Alex Moreno belted a solo shot over the left-field fence to in the ninth inning for the final margin.

Neil Corley picked up the win and raised his record to 4-2. Ken Edenfield picked up the save. USF's Bryan Manicchia took the loss.

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Toppers set for key series against USF

Western Kentucky University's baseball team will determine its post-season fate in this weekend's series with Sun Belt Conference West Division foe South Florida at Denes Field.

Western is 28-24 overall and 7-8 in the West Division, and the Hilltoppers are in third place. South Florida (33-18, 6-9) is fourth. The top three teams go to the post-season Sun Belt Tournament.

The series will start with a doubleheader at 1 p.m. Saturday, followed by a single game at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Western coach Joel Murrie says he wants his team to get a taste of tournament play.

"We're going to have a lot of talent coming back next year, and that will be the year," he said. "But I want them to get a taste of tournament play this year."

South Alabama (34-15 and 9-6) sits atop the West with Alabama Birmingham (25-18, 8-7) in second.

Entering this weekend's key series, Jonathan Camilo leads the Hilltoppers with a .362 batting average, 33 RBI and a .526 slugging percentage.

On the mound, Ken Edenfield has 84 strikeouts and a 2.32 ERA to lead the way.

Western will play host to non-conference foe Northeastern Illinois at 3 p.m. Tuesday and 1 p.m. Wednesday. *DN 5-4-96*

Western Ky. splits with South Florida

Doug Darnall's blast gave Western's baseball team a chance to control its own destiny.

Darnall crushed a fourth-inning, two-run homer in the second game of a doubleheader with South Florida to lift the Hilltoppers (29-25) to a 3-1 win Saturday at Denes Field. Western lost the first game to the Bulls, 8-2.

A win over South Florida in today's scheduled 1 p.m. game would clinch third place for Western in the West Division of the Sun Belt Conference.

The top three teams in the West qualify for the Sun Belt Tournament. Western's split raised its conference record to 8-9. Fourth-place USF stands at 7-10.

If the Hilltoppers drop today's game, all may not be lost. If Alabama-Birmingham sweeps its next two contests, it would tie South Alabama for the West regular season title. A coin-flip would determine the regular-season champion and No. 1 seed in the tournament. If UAB wins the coin flip, Western would still advance because of its head-to-head record.

The Hilltoppers can simplify the playoff picture today: If they win, they're in.

Senior Jonathan Camilo got Western in position with his one-out double in the fourth. Darnall, also a senior, followed with his homer to left to put Western up 2-1.

"That's what the seniors are for," Western coach Joel Murrie said. "Not only Doug, but Jonathan too. Those seniors are the guys I want to win tomorrow for."

Western's Brad Worley opened the scoring in the first inning of the first game on a wild pitch from Mark Hubbard, and Darnall singled to score Camilo to give Western a 2-0 lead. USF tied it up in the third, and Kevin Dattola's two-run double in the fourth inning put the Bulls up for good at 4-2.

"I thought the club showed a lot of character today in bouncing back," Murrie said of Western's second-game turnaround. "That's a sign of a quality ballclub. Now we're in a position to handle it tomorrow."

DN 5-6-70

WKU falls, appeals league's three-way rule

5-7-90

MARYLL S. CROUCH

WKU Sports Writer

When the door was about to shut on Western Kentucky's baseball team.

The freshman from South Florida was fire and left the Hilltoppers' season playoff hopes in smoke today in a four-hit, 8-1 win for the

Western filed an appeal today in the league office for another interpretation of the three-way tie. Western (29-26, 8-10) ended Sun Belt Conference West Division regular season in a three-way tie for second place. The top three teams advance to the Sun Belt tournament May 16 at South

Alabama.

Sun Belt public relations director Tracy Judd said today the league first looks at head-to-head competition in eliminating the first team in the event of a three-way tie. In head-to-head competition with the three teams that tied, Western was 6-6, UAB was 7-5, and South Florida was 5-7.

That puts UAB in the tournament with its 7-5 state. But the next step, Judd says, is to compare how the teams did against the division winner. South Florida was 3-3 against champion South Alabama while Western was 2-4, but UAB was 1-5.

"In my opinion, they can't use head-to-head competition as a criteria in a three-way tie," said

Western Athletics Director Jimmy Peix.

Western posted a 2-4 record against USA, so the Hilltoppers, unless the league changes its policy, won't be making the trip south to chase the tournament crown.

A win over USF on Sunday would've given Murrie a much brighter outlook on the remainder of the season.

"We had a chance to control everything on the field today," said Western coach Joel Murrie. "South Florida had that same chance, and they deserve a lot of credit for coming in and doing what they had to do."

"If UAB had won (Sunday), it all would have been academic. But

when they lost and we lost, we gained some hope" that Western would make the playoffs.

Hilltopper starter Heath Haynes, who hurled his way to earlier wins over Kentucky, Louisville and South Alabama and stepped in relief to shut down USF in a key series win last week in Tampa, knew his back may be up against the wall against the Bulls at Dennes field.

"You have an advantage pitching to a team for the first time, because they don't know what's coming at them," Haynes said. "But they can tend to get a feel for what you're trying to do once they get used to you."

Haynes' pitching groove was on Kevin Dattoia's mind when he rip-

ped Haynes' first pitch of the day hard into right-center field for a double. Dattoia scored the first run of the game on a fielding error, and Troy Rusk answered moments later with a two-run shot high over the 370-foot left-field fence to give USF a 3-0 first-inning lead.

The Bulls took complete control of their own playoff destiny with a four-run second inning.

Jonathan Camilo provided Western's lone offensive explosion with a solo home run in the fifth inning.

"I thought we played seven very good innings of baseball," Murrie said.

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Baseball

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(7-3) L — Hutcherson (1-3) 2B — Filzpa-
back (W), Worley (W), Camilo (W), Jackson
(W), Roberts (SF), Demake (SF), HR —
Darnall (W). Records — Western 29-25, (8-
9), South Florida 35-18, (7-10).
C. J. 5-6 36

Committee ends Western's playoff hopes

An executive committee of the Sun Belt Conference today denied Western's appeal of the tie-breaker ruling which eliminated the Hilltopper baseball team from the Sun Belt baseball tournament set for May 16 at South Alabama.

Western, Alabama-Birmingham and South Florida finished in a three-way tie for second place in the West Division, but the Western had a 2-4 record against division champion South Alabama. South Florida finished 3-3 against USA, making Western the odd team out. The top three teams from each division qualify for the tournament.

The Hilltoppers still have five games left on their schedule, including today's game with Northeastern Illinois at Denes field. *DN 5-8-70*

Golden Eagles blank Western Kentucky

It's not been Western Kentucky's week.

One day after an appeal of the Sun Belt Conference's tiebreaker failed and the Hilltoppers were excluded from the league's post-season baseball tournament, Western was shutout 6-0 by Northeast Illinois at Denes Field.

The Hilltoppers netted just five hits in falling to 29-27 on the season.

Substitute catcher Richard Greenwell went 2 for 3 at the plate, but that was about all the offense Western could muster.

Led by shortstop Brad Kave's 2 for 5, two-RBI performance, Northeast Illinois (18-27) spoiled Brian Walsh's shutout bid with a run in the sixth inning. The visitors scored once in the seventh and eighth innings and three times in the ninth.

Walsh, who went six and a third innings with three strikeouts and no walks, took the loss to fall to 1-1. Mike Kubacik (3-6) pitched a complete game for Northeast Illinois with five strikeouts and seven walks.

The Hilltoppers were to play host to Northeast Illinois again today at 3 p.m. *DN 5-9-70*

At Bowling Green
NE Illinois 000 001 113—6 10 3
Western Kentucky 000 000 000—0 5 0
Mike Kubacik and Mark Kuffel. Brian Walsh, Neil Cordley (7), Eric Hughes (8), Chris Turner (9) and Richard Greenwell. Lance Daniels (8). W — Kubacik (3-6). L — Walsh (1-1). 2B — Ron Vlach (NE), Pat Crawford (NE). 3AB — Paul Veliots (NE). Records — Northeastern Illinois 18-27, Western Kentucky 29-27. *C.J. 5-9-70*

At Bowling Green
NE Illinois 000 001 000—1 6 0
Western Kentucky 020 100 01x—4 11 2
Dave Bryan and Mark Kuffel. Ken Edenfield and Doug Darnall. W — Edenfield (8-8). L — Bryan (2-3). 2B — Jonathan Camilo (W), Chris Turner (W), Pat Crawford (N), Mark Hernandez (N). *C.J. 5-11-70*

Tops shut down Eastern winning streak

RICHMOND, Ky. — Western Kentucky University's baseball team ended Eastern Kentucky's 15-game winning streak Thursday by slapping the Colonels with a 14-7 loss.

Western's Lance Daniels and Brad Worley blasted solo home runs and Jonathan Camilo slashed two doubles to break Chris Turner's single-season record of 21 set last year.

Eric Hughes (2-1) picked up the win in relief for the Hilltoppers (31-27). The loss dropped Eastern to 39-13.

Western will end its season with a two-game series at Southern Illinois beginning Saturday.

At Carbondale, Ill. 5-14-72
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 Southern Ill. 200 000 110—4 13 2
 Keith Haynes, Brian Walsh (7), Ken Edenfield (7) and Doug Damall, Sean Bergman, Chris Bend (4), Tom Strobavy (7), Mike Van Gilder (9) and Matt Gegling. W — Haynes (5-4). L — Strobavy (4-3). 2B — Brad Worley (W), Jonathon Camilo (W), Damall (W), Brad Hollenkamp (S). 3B — Doug Shields (S).
 Western Ky. 002 000 011—4 6 4
 Southern Ill. 122 001 10x—7 6 1
 John Markham, Jeff Ledogar (2), Neil Corley (5), Eric Hughes (7), Steve Marr (8) and Richard Greenwell, Lance Daniels (5), Bob Finder, George Joseph (4), Ryan McWilliams (6), Dale Meyer (8), Al Levine (9) and Derek Shelton. W — Finder (7-2). L — Markham (0-3). 2B — Kim Davis (S). HR — Chris Turner (W). Records — Western Kentucky 32-28, Southern Illinois 43-11.

Tops' season ends with a split at SIU

CARBONDALE, Ill. — Western's baseball team ended its season with a doubleheader split with No. 10-ranked Southern Illinois on Sunday.

The Hilltoppers beat the powerful Salukis 7-4 in the opening contest before bowing 7-4 in the nightcap.

Western hit five sacrifice flies in the doubleheader with three coming in the first game. Heath Haynes (5-4) got the win.

Third baseman Chris Turner blasted a two-run homer in game two, but four Western errors and three Salukis' double plays killed the hopes for a doubleheader sweep.

Western ended its season with a record of 32-28.

Murrie baseball camp dates set

A Daily News report

The first of three sessions of Joel Murrie's baseball camp is set for May 29-June 1 at Griffin Park.

Murrie, the head baseball coach at Western Kentucky University, will also hold sessions June 4-7 at Kereiakes Park and June 18-21 at Western.

The first two sessions will be for kids aged 9-12 and will run from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The third session is for players aged 13-high school senior.

The camps run \$75 per session, and two sessions will run \$120. For more information, call Murrie at 745-6078. DN 5-25-76

WKU inks standouts in baseball, soccer

Some Western Kentucky University signings: DN 3-3-90
Baseball coach Joel Murrie signed Louisville products Chris Phillips and Aaron Flaker, and soccer coach David Holmes nabbed high school All-American Anthony Chandler.

A shortstop from Pleasure Ridge Park, Phillips batted .520 with 14 home runs and 60 RBI. He also had 54 runs and nine doubles and went 11 for 11 in steals.

PRP finished 34-7 and went to the state semifinals. Phillips was first-team All-State, All-Region and All-District. He was a Kentucky High School Coaches Association All-Star in his junior and senior seasons.

Flaker, from Male High School, at 5-foot-7 and 140 pounds, hit .400 with a .549 on-base percentage. He scored 20 runs and knocked in 20 more while making good on 25 of 28 steal attempts.

Flaker was also the valedictorian of his senior class, and Male finished 29-5 last season.

In soccer, Chandler led Montgomery County High School to the state title match last season. He had two 20-goal seasons and is second in scoring and assists on Montgomery County's all-time list.

Murrie signs 9 recruits

8-19-90
A Daily News report

Western Kentucky University baseball coach Joel Murrie has signed nine high school and junior college prospects. They are as follows:

Robbie Clark — He's a 6-foot-1, 185-pound right-handed pitcher and outfielder from Daviess County High School. He was 6-2 with a 2.09 ERA and 58 strikeouts as a senior, and hit .410 with 11 home runs and 25 stolen bases.

Lance Ellington — A 6-2, 200-pound right-handed pitcher from Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., he played for Indian Hills (Iowa) Community College.

Aaron Flaker — A 5-7, 140-pound outfielder from Louisville Male High School, the left-hander hit .400 with 20 RBI and 25 steals in 28 tries. He was valedictorian of his prep class.

Mark Ford — From Dawson Springs, Ford is a right-handed pitcher who played in the Kentucky East-West All-Star game from Caldwell County High School.

Andy McDonald — He's a 6-0, 85-pound infielder from Manatee

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Community College in Bradenton, Fla. He batted .340 with eight homers and 45 RBI and was 15 for 15 in steals.

Greg Monelle — At 6-4, 195, he's an imposing left-handed pitcher from Prosser High School in Chicago. He went 10-1 with a 0.54 ERA and was a first-team Illinois All-Stater. He had 124 strikeouts in 75 innings and only 20 walks.

Chris Phillips — From Pleasure Ridge Park High School, he's a 6-1, 170-pound shortstop who hit .520 with 14 home runs and 60 RBI.

Chad Radford — The 6-2, 190-pound first baseman from Cumberland County High School batted .486 with four home runs, 34 RBI and 14 steals as a senior. He was 5-1 as a pitcher and selected to play in the East-West All-Star game.

Clay Wiedenbein — At 5-10, 165 pounds, he's a shortstop from Milford (Ohio) High School.

Women's golf

Western's Lady Topper golf team signed Liesl Diedricks, a native of Durban, South Africa.